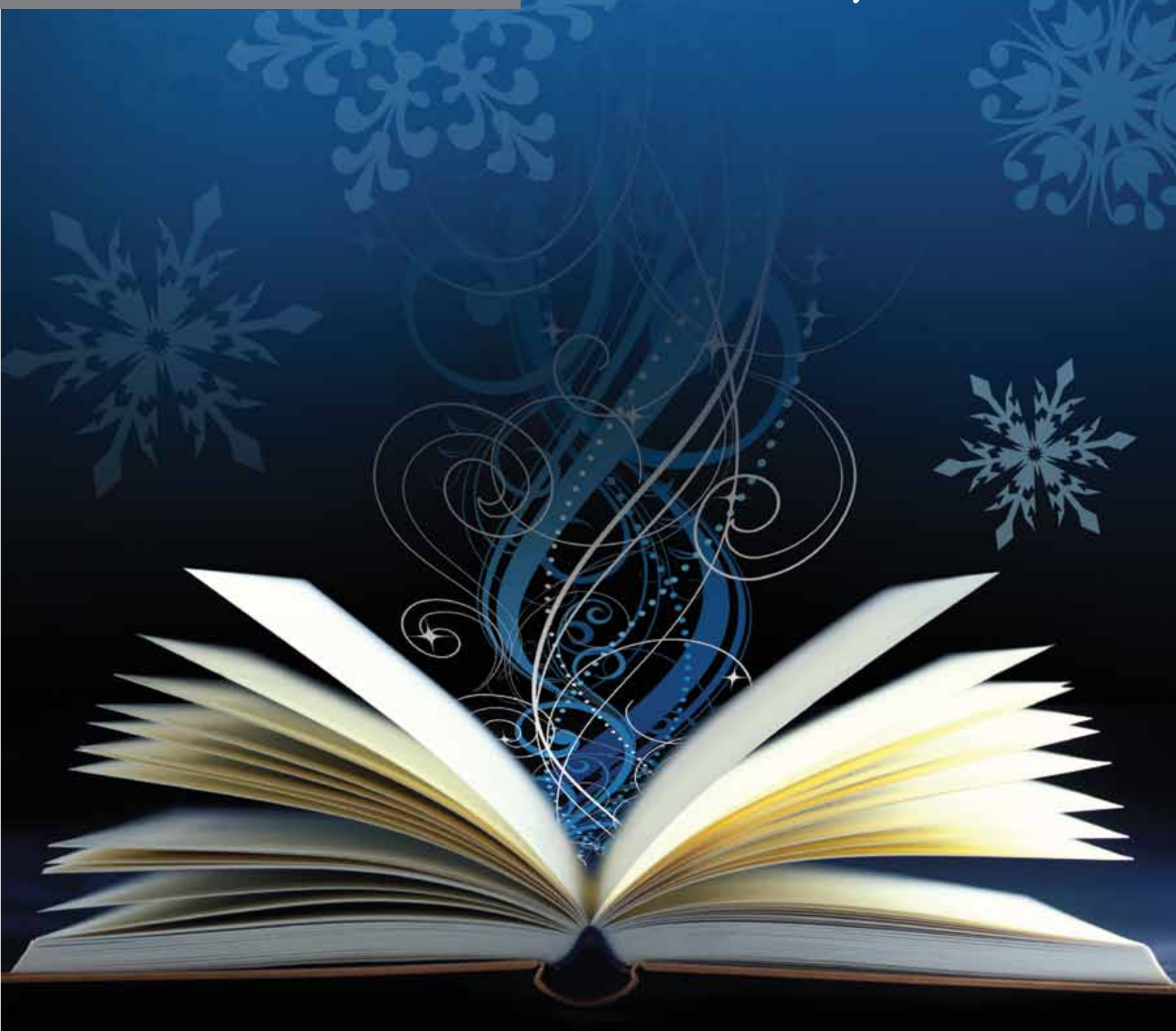


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The articles in this month's magazine will introduce you to two of the most outstanding programming events in February, and our monthly Calendar of Events will tell you what, where and when about everything we have to offer.

And don't forget about the biggest goodie of all—the 32nd Annual Friends of the Library Booksale! The theme for 2011 is “Booksale – It's a *Novel* Idea!” and the event takes place once again at the Oklahoma Expo Hall at the State Fairgrounds. Be there from 9am to 5:30pm on Saturday and Sunday, February 26-27 for books, music, books, magazines, and, oh yeah—books—at prices so low even calling them a “bargain” isn't quite right. Admission is free, so borrow a van (you'll need it to haul away your treasures) and come see us.



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Safe at Home: “Bullet Joe” Rogan, The Best There Ever Was

by Larry Johnson

Major League Baseball’s pitchers and catchers report to training camp this month signaling the end of another successful season for the Hot Stove League. Much of this year’s talk centered on Cliff Lee’s snubbing of the almighty pinstripe in favor of the Phillies, and the wisdom (wink) of Colorado inking a ten-year deal with Troy Tulowitzki.



One Hot Stove topic that never seems to get cold, though, is the annual jawing over the best player who ever played the game. Any league. Any era. Who had the most tools in the box?

That the question is impossible to answer on any diamond but the Field of Dreams has never prevented any fan from joining the fray in the living room, at the bar or on the web. And while Willie Mays and Babe Ruth are generally in contention, and even newbies know better than to let the alliterative curse words “Barry Bonds” fall from the lips, Okie patriots can always be counted on to write in votes for Mickey Mantle or Johnny Bench.

However, if you want a glimpse of the man some baseball scholars believe was quite possibly the best player in the history of organized baseball, just look down the row of small bronze busts lining the sidewalk between the Bench and Mantle Plazas at the Bricktown Ballpark. There you’ll find the cheerful grin of Charles Wilber “Bullet Joe” Rogan – a player who never got to compete head-to-head with the likes of Babe Ruth because of the color of his skin.

No one remembers how “Bullet Joe” earned his nickname. It really doesn’t matter whether it was his blazing fastball, his lightning speed in the field, or quick thinking on the mound – Rogan was a natural at baseball. As a pitcher for the famed Kansas City Monarchs in the 1920s, the stocky Rogan threw hard and

fast with a disorienting no-windup delivery. Legendary Negro League hitters always mentioned his name first when asked who they most feared to hit against. When he wasn’t on the mound, Rogan played every position; even catcher. At the plate he was equally feared – a rare player who could hit for power and average and was a regular thief on the base paths. Rogan received his highest praise from the more famous pitcher, Satchel Paige, who said, “He was the onliest pitcher I ever knew was pitching *and* hitting cleanup.”

Although Paige entered the Hall of Fame years ahead of Rogan, old-timers argued over who was better. They only pitched against each other one time. An aging Rogan was past his prime and a young Paige was at his peak. The game ended 1-0 in 11 innings – Rogan batted in the winning run himself.

The dedication of the bronze bust in 2007 represented a homecoming and perhaps a final resting place for the baseball spirit of Wilber Rogan. He was born and spent his childhood in Bricktown, just a few yards north at the corner of today’s Sheridan Avenue and Mickey Mantle Drive.



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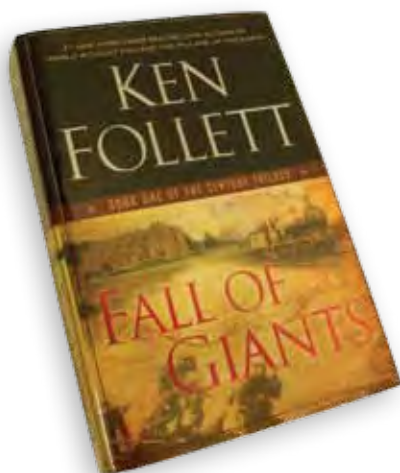


Reviews & Recommendations



Fall Of Giants: Century Trilogy Part 1 by Ken Follett

reviewed by Christine Bassett



Have you ever wanted to know more about how the First World War started or the development of the Russian Revolution but don't want to read a history book? Then Ken Follett's latest book is for you! Set in Great Britain, Germany, the United States and Russia at the turn of the 20th century, *Fall Of Giants* features five interconnecting families from various degrees of affluence as they adjust to life before and after WW1 and the Russian Revolution. Follett follows the lives of a family of coal miners, the wealthy Fitzherbert family, German ambassador Walter Von Ulrich, American diplomat Gus Dewar and two orphaned Russian brothers. All the characters are contrasted and seamlessly linked together in the storyline that develops across continents.

The story opens at the coal mine in Aberowen, Wales, where the reader gets to share 13 year old Billy William's first day down the pit. His sister works as housekeeper for the wealthy Fitzherberts who also own the mine. A mining accident and subsequent strike brings mine workers families

and the owner together as a lunch is provided for miners' children on the Fitzherbert estate. Gradually all the other characters are introduced and interlinked. Covering such fascinating topics as rights for women, social class issues and the politics of the day in a fast paced style that draws you in from the first page, this well researched historical novel will delight readers as much if not more than Follett's earlier historical series *The Pillars Of the Earth* and *World Without End*. As it covers the 20th century rather than the Middle Ages it is likely to appeal to a broader range of readership. *Fall Of Giants* is extremely reader friendly despite the sheer length of the book and the off putting character list at the beginning.

This title also available as a compact disc sound recording, an Adobe EPUB eBook, and an OverDrive WMA Audiobook.

Christine Bassett has worked for the MLS for nearly 10 years. She currently works as a reference librarian at Belle Isle and is a volunteer community literacy tutor in her spare time.



Full Dark, No Stars by Stephen King

reviewed by Doug Bentin



The indefatigable Stephen King returns with a quartet of creepy tales as only he can tell them. Like *Four Past Midnight* and *Different Seasons*, the stories in this collection are in the form of novellas—longer than short stories but shorter than novels.

But for King's fans, size doesn't matter as long as The Master delivers the goods. Don't worry. He does.

You have to wonder if the starting place for "Big Driver" didn't creep out even the author. In it, a mystery writer has a more than unpleasant encounter on a back road—reminiscent in a way of King's personal run-in with the big driver who smacked into him with an SUV.

I'm always a sucker for classic deals-with-the-devil yarns, like "Fair Extension," and when, in "A Good Marriage," Darcy stubs her toe on something horrifying and hidden in the basement, I was reminded of Oklahoma crime writer Jim Thompson's observation that there are millions of ways to tell a story, but only one story to tell—things are never what they seem.

With this collection, King is back where his fans like him best—in the dark, with no illumination.

This title is also available as a spoken word compact disc.

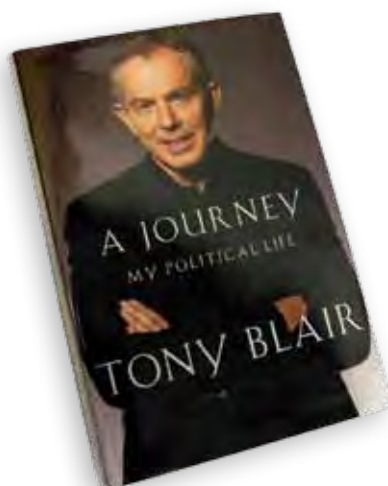
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A Journey by Tony Blair

reviewed by Christine Bassett



Anthony Charles Lynton “Tony” Blair’s memoir of his time in office as Great Britain’s Prime Minister has received mixed reviews. The book has been criticized by some who claim that Blair mistakenly considered himself to be a Messiah figure throughout his tenure. Others say that it is badly written because so many sentences do not contain verbs (“simple as that”). Nonetheless it is a very enjoyable book, written in the same expressive style that has made him such a gifted communicator. He tells the truth about his feelings with great humor. Blair explains that when newly elected as Prime Minister he was afraid; that he was in a constant battle with his feelings between courage and fear. He humorously compares PMQT (Prime Minister’s Question Time) to the dentist torture scene in the film *Marathon Man* and says that he would rather be tortured than stand in front of the House every week to answer Members questions.

It is an unusual politician’s memoir in that he did not use a ghost writer and wrote everything down in longhand in note books. Readers who want to know more about Blair’s political views will find chapters on 9/11, Iraq and Kosovo as well as the death of Princess Diana. The idiosyncrasies of the British government will also be of interest. For example, when Blair was initially standing for Parliament, he had to contend against fifteen individuals from such obscure parties as *The Rock and Roll Party*, *The Monster Raving Loony Party*, the *Blair Must Go Party*, as well as the *Conservatives* (Tory), the *Independent* and the *Social Democrat* parties.

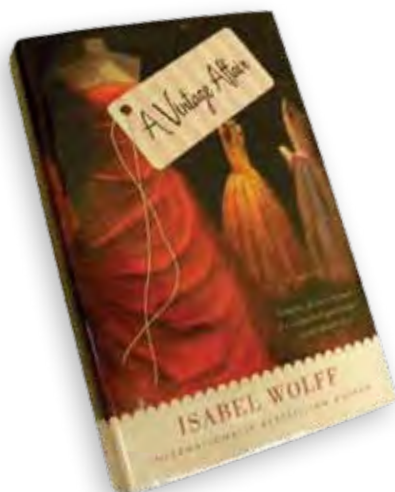
Those who do not usually choose to read political memoirs may enjoy this. Blair does not get bogged down in weighty political information and he is clearly very fond of America!

This title is also available as an Adobe EPUB eBook.

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A Vintage Affair by Isabel Wolff

reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



Guilt is the garment that girds together two women in *A Vintage Affair*. Phoebe Swift has quit her job as an auctioneer at Sotheby’s to open her own vintage clothing shop. Her business is off with a bang, thanks to an article in a local paper. Still, Phoebe struggles with guilt and depression because of a bad end to her long-time friendship with Emma and the collapse of her engagement to Guy. When she receives a call from an elderly woman, Mrs. Bell, who wants to sell her wardrobe, Phoebe finds that the woman only wants to keep a small, hand-made, blue coat that has a tragic story behind it.

Phoebe’s story includes a mother who is obsessed

with cosmetic procedures, two new suitors, one with a spoiled teenage daughter, and a host of interesting customers. It is her relationship with Mrs. Bell, however, that helps Phoebe come to grips with her guilt, as she learns about the blue coat and the childhood friend Mrs. Bell feels she betrayed. When she takes action to bring closure to Mrs. Bell, she finds she helps herself as well. The ending is a bit sentimental, so you might want to have a hanky handy.

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.



Reviews & Recommendations



Old Filth, and The Man in the Wooden Hat by Jane Gardam

reviewed by Jana Hausburg

"I don't mean I cannot bear to think about my judgements – you have to be thick-skinned about that – I cannot bear to think about the cruelty at the core of this foul world."



Browsing through one of the many catalogs I get in the mail, I was entranced by the brown, black, and blue-gray covers of these two books. I remained entranced by the original and evocative stories.

In *Old Filth*, Gardam details the stark childhood and later financial successes of Judge Edward Feathers, said to have coined the phrase “Failed In London, Try Hong Kong”. Known as a “Raj orphan”, Eddie is a child of parents serving the British Empire in the Indian Subcontinent. Sent back home to be educated upon reaching the age of four, Raj orphans rarely saw their parents again. Eddie spends a lifetime seeking to end his isolation, trying to erase painful memories of repeated abandonment. When he meets Betty, he asks her to make him only one promise: that she will never

leave him. He doesn't seem to expect love: his life has been so touched with loss he wants only to belong to someone. Sad and cruel secrets are kept to himself and his stiff upper lip stops him from truly knowing the one woman who stands by him for more than 50 years.

In the first book, we learn very little about Betty, which is why *The Man in the Wooden Hat* is so compelling. It's like a second helping of an equally satisfying meal. Betty has her own secrets. Her marriage is not a love match, but pragmatic. And while she promises to never leave Eddie, it doesn't keep Eddie from leaving her for long periods of time. With each absence, she closes off a little bit more of her life to him. As for the man in the wooden hat, he makes an appearance at key moments in her life. And I'm not going to tell you who he is.

Jana Hausburg is a reference librarian at the Downtown Library. She is also the author of It Wasn't Much.



Chicago: *The Original 1927 Silent Classic Restored*

reviewed by Doug Bentin

You may remember from 2002 when the movie musical *Chicago* won the Oscar that it was adapted from a 1926 play with the same title. The first movie based on the play was released in 1927, and has now been restored using a pristine 35mm print in the possession of the Cecil B. DeMille estate and is released on DVD. DeMille produced the picture and even if you don't ordinarily watch silent movies, you might give this one a shot.

The now forgotten actress Phyllis Haver stars as Roxie Hart, a young married woman who shoots her boyfriend and then sets out, with the help of her milquetoast husband and a crooked lawyer, to take

every advantage of Chicago's corrupt legal system—and her own good looks—to subvert justice and get away with murder.

Haver seems at first to be overplaying, but you soon realize that Roxie is the one who goes over the top. She's neither subtle nor smart, but she is cunning and knows how far a flash of shapely ankle will take her with an all-male jury.


The film is a satiric melodrama with an extra large side order of Roaring Twenties cynicism, topped off with a bit of sentiment. If you think the 1920s were a time of innocent, playful fun, get prepared for a big surprise.





It's Reading & It's Prizes — What's Not to Love?

Winter ReadFest, the 2011 edition, is a one-month long event beginning February 1 and running through the end of the month.



Anita Roesler, MLS' Adult Services Coordinator, was there for the beginning seven years ago. In fact, it all began with her.

"Winter ReadFest was designed to be fun," she said. "Go back to 2004. The library had long-running programs for children and teens, but we kind of took adult library customers for granted. Or so many of them told me," she added with a smile.

"So we created the Lifetime Reader's Society and adapted our popular summer programs for kids and teens and called it 'Winter ReadFest.' It caught on and is still going strong."

In fact, it's going stronger than ever. This year, Anita has collected bigger and better prizes than ever before.

Oh yes—like the summer programs but only for adults 55 years and older, it's a chance to win prizes for doing what participants already love to do—read.

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"And we've lined up some great prizes this time," Anita added, "including books, gift cards, even tickets to an OKC Baron's game for the hockey fans."

Other prizes include: Nook eReaders, season tickets to Lyric Theatre, Family memberships to the OKC Museum of Art, memberships to Oklahoma Food Coop, Family memberships to Oklahoma History Center, gift cards to Western Concepts Restaurant Group, Good Egg Dining Group, Pearl's Restaurant Group, Cattleman's, Johnnie's, Swadley's, and more.

The rules are simpler than they've ever been:

- Read or listen to two books through February 28
- Sign a prize entry form at your library

"And most importantly of all," Roesler added, "have some fun."

"That's the easy part. Someone told me that she had been in a reading slump for a year or two. Couldn't find any book that really turned her on. Then Winter ReadFest came along and she thought she'd read for a prize and BINGO. She's back in the reading game again big time!"

Lifetime Reader's Society's Winter ReadFest 2011 begins on Feb. 1 at your favorite library. For more information, call Anita Roesler at 606-3835.



Tales of Bedpans & Bank Robbery



For Black History Month in 2010, MLS partnered with Rhythmically Speaking with a play, “The Way It Was: OK’s Soulful Stories,” the histories of three mostly black communities in Oklahoma. So popular was that production, written and directed by DWe Williams, that her troupe returns this month with three more stories of black towns and personalities in Oklahoma.



More Baseball Than You Can Shake a Bat At

DeWolf Hopper was an actor and comedian best remembered for his recitations of Ernest Lawrence Taylor's famous ode to baseball, "Casey at the Bat." One of Hopper's fellow comics once said of him that he was "the biggest baseball crank that ever lived." But since Hopper's death 75 years ago, we've produced our own big league "baseball crank," and you read his essays every month in *info*.

He's Larry Johnson, Mr. Oklahoma Images himself. If this month's piece on Wilbur "Bullet Joe" Rogan has whetted your appetite for more lore of the ol' "leather-covered sphere," take a look at Larry's essay "Early Professional Baseball in Oklahoma City," easily located on our website in the Oklahoma Memories section. Go to Oklahoma Images, then select Entertainment and Recreation. Click on Baseball, and you'll be rounding third.

You know that Johnny Bench and Mickey Mantle were native Okies, but did you know that baseball greats Carl Hubbell, Warren Spahn, Willie Stargell, Dizzy Dean, and Pepper Martin were all from Oklahoma as well? And have you heard of Carl Mays, who threw the only pitch that killed a man?

Other subject headings with original essays in the Entertainment and Recreation category include "Parades" and "Parks," but all of the subject areas include the fascinating photos that make Oklahoma Images the best-loved feature in the magazine every month.

This year's presentation is "Absolutely Soulfully Oklahoma: Bedpans, Blackball and Bank Robbery." One of the stories concerns Okmulgee's "colored hospital," built in 1922, the first hospital in the country strictly for black patients. "When DWe was collecting props for the hospital part of the play," said MLS Children's Services Coordinator Lisa Woods, "she found a genuinely old bedpan from the right era. Can you imagine all the action that thing has seen?"

The second one tells how Pretty Boy Floyd's partner in crime George Birdwell tried to rob the bank in Boley, OK, on Nov. 23, 1932—the first day of bird hunting season when everyone in town was carrying a loaded shotgun. And the third story features baseball great Wilbur "Bullet Joe" Rogan, the subject of this month's Oklahoma Images essay.

"DWe is a great story teller," Woods continued, "and I'm always proud that MLS premieres so many of her plays. You may be able to see 'Absolutely Soulfully Oklahoma: Bedpans, Blackball and Bank Robbery' in other places later, but if you want to see it when it debuts, you have to come to us."

The schedule for MLS performances, which are free and open to the public, is:

Wednesday, Feb. 2, 6:30pm – The Village Library

Saturday, Feb. 5, 2:30pm – Warr Acres Library

Monday, Feb. 7, 1pm – Capitol Hill Library

Saturday, Feb. 12, 2pm – Belle Isle Library

Tuesday, Feb. 15, 6:30pm – Del City Library
(performance at Del City High School Auditorium, 1900 S. Sunnyslane Road)

Thursday, Feb. 17, 6:30pm – Midwest City Library

Saturday, Feb. 19, 2pm – Bethany Library

Sunday, Feb. 20, 2pm – Downtown Library

Monday, Feb. 21, 6pm – Choctaw Library

Tuesday, Feb. 22, 7pm – Edmond Library

Thursday, Feb. 24, 6:30pm – Ralph Ellison Library

Saturday, Feb. 26, 2pm – Southern Oaks Library

This presentation of our Black History Month play is co-sponsored by Friends of the Metropolitan Library System, Oklahoma Arts Council, Arts Council of Oklahoma City, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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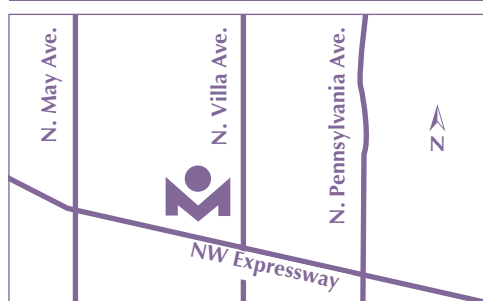
Friends of the Library Booksale is scheduled Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 26 and 27. Held at the Oklahoma Expo Hall, State Fairgrounds, Oklahoma City.

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



2011 Winter Readfest

Feb. 1-28

Age 55 Plus

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Tax Help by AARP Volunteers

Feb 1,8,15,22 | Tue | 9a-1p

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

Feb 5,12,19,26 | Sat | 9a-Noon

All ages

AARP trained volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2010 state and federal tax returns. No appointments - first come, first served. E-filing only. Cosponsor: AARP.

English Classes: Learn English as a Second Language

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

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

Adults

Ongoing enrollment. 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. For questions and to register, come to the class



Child Guidance Screenings

Feb 2 | Wed | Noon-5

Ages birth to 5 years w/guardian

Child Guidance is offering developmental and speech/language screenings at Belle Isle Library. These are available for children birth to 5 years of age. A developmental screening is a very general look at how children are doing compared to other children the same age. Any questions or concerns you have will be discussed. Information about upcoming stages of development and home activities to enhance development will be provided. Appointments are approximately one hour long and will include a small fee. The child must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to schedule an appointment. Cosponsor: Child Guidance Services, OK City-County Health Dept.



GED @ Belle Isle Library

Feb 4,11,19,25 | Fri

9:30a-12:30p

Age 16 and older

Attend free GED classes on Friday at the Belle Isle Library. Review English, social studies, science and math skills in preparation for the GED test. Materials are provided. Attend the class to enroll. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City Public Schools Adult Learning Center



Make Your Own Valentine's Day and Greeting Cards

Feb 5 | Sat | 1-3p

Ages 8 and older

Get crafty and create your own Valentines

and greeting cards. Supplies provided, but you may want to bring your own photos or other mementos to put on your card. Sign up at the reference desk or call 843-9601.

Michael Fresonke's Valentine's Day Concert

Feb 6 | Sun | 2-3p

All ages

Join Michael Fresonke and his jazz group for jazzy love songs in time for Valentine's Day in this upbeat concert for all ages.



Children Reading to Dogs

Feb 7,14,21,28 | Mon

6-7:30

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.



Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me

Feb 7,14,21,28 | Mon

6:30-7:30p

Infants to age 4 w/parents

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 free program is intended for infants through age four with their parents or guardians. Pre-register by calling the library or visiting the reference desk.



Rhythmically Speaking presents
Absolutely Soulfully Oklahoma:
"Bedpans, Blackball and
Bankrobbery"

Feb 12 | Sat | 2-3p

All ages



Right here in Oklahoma we have soulful, powerful stories to tell of strong black towns and communities with life changing history. Join Rhythmically Speaking to celebrate Black History month. All performances are free and are for all ages. Seating is limited so plan to arrive early. Co-Sponsor: Oklahoma Arts Council, Arts Council of Oklahoma City, Friends of the Metropolitan Library System, National Endowment for the Arts.

Metro OKC Knit Guild Group Meeting

Feb 20 | Sun | 3-5p

Teens-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, call 793-1566 or email at lluse@aol.com

Becoming a President

Feb 23 | Wed | 10-11a

Pre-kindergarten



Stories about how to become a president will be shared. Wear red, white, and blue and we will share interesting facts about former presidents. Pre-registration will begin Feb. 1st. 843-9601.

Bethany Library

3510 N. Mueller, Bethany
 (405) 789-8363

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 Sun: Closed



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Toddler Story and Play Time

Feb 3 | Thur | 9:30-10:15a

& 10:30-11:15a

Ages 2-3 w/adult



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.

Developmental Screenings

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w/guardian



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Valentine Story & Craft Time

Feb 10 | Thur | 10-10:45a

Ages 3 to 6



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.

Putnum City Silver Strings

Feb 12 | Sat | 2-3p

All ages



Music by Putnam City's Silver Strings will be the highlight of this event. Refreshments will be served after the program.

Family Place: 1-2-3 Play

with Me

Feb 17,24 | Thur

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

Infants to age 4 w/parents



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Feb 19 | Sat | 2-3p

All ages



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Children Reading to Dogs

Feb 22 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

Age 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. Please pre-register at the information desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.

Workshop: Making Photo Albums

Feb 26 | Sat | 2-3:30p

Adults

Instructor Kelly Thompson will teach this workshop on making photo albums. All supplies will be furnished. Bring your pictures to place in your album. Refreshments will be served after the class. Limited enrollment. Please call 789-8363 ext.3.

Capitol Hill Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
 Sun: Closed



2011 Winter Readfest

Feb. 1-28

Age 55 Plus

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Tell Me A Story

Feb 1,15 | Tue | 10-10:30

Ages 6 and younger

Kids love to hear a story! Join us for storytimes featuring nursery rhymes, popular children's books and beloved authors. Storytime will be held in the children's area.



Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me

Feb 2,9,16,23 | Wed

9:30-10:30a

Infants to age 4 w/parents

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Developmental Screenings

Feb 3 | Thur | 1-5p

Ages birth to 5 years w/guardian

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Chess Club

Feb 3 | Thur | 4-6p

Kids-Teens

Chess Club is moving to Thursdays! Come learn how to play this strategic game of chess. If you already know how to play, have a fun match with others. Please call 634-6308 for more information or to sign up.

Trip Around the World

Feb 5 | Sat | 2-3:30p

Grades 3-6

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to travel the globe right in your very own local library. This innovative and hands-on experience for children in grades three through six is sponsored by the Junior League of Oklahoma City. Kids 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 or call the library. Cosponsor: Junior League of Oklahoma City.

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Absolutely Soulfully Oklahoma:

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Feb 7 | Mon | 1-2p

All ages

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Anime Club

Feb 7 | Mon | 4-6p

Teens

Join us the first Monday of every month. 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! Call Angela at 634-6308 for more information.



Oklahoma City-County Health

Dept. Family Planning

Resource Booth

Feb 7 | Mon | 4-5p

Teens and adults

The Oklahoma City-County Health Department Family Planning Clinic is providing a Resource Booth. Services provided to males and females. We assist in filling out SoonerPlan applications. For more information, please call 419-4150. Cosponsor OCCHD Family Planning Clinic.



Conversational Spanish

Feb 7,14,21,28 | Mon

5:30-7p

Adults

Conversational Spanish class from February 7th-May 9th. The course is intended to teach basic Spanish speaking skills (Who, What, When, and Where). Class will meet on



Wednesday evenings for 14 sessions. Register by calling library, or sign up at the reference desk.

Pokemon Club

Feb 10 | Thur | 4-5p

Ages 6-12

Pokemon Club is moving to Thursdays! I choose you! Bring your pokemon cards or your Nintendo DS and battle it out! 2nd Thursday of each month.

Children Reading to Dogs

Feb 12 | Sat | 11a-Noon

Kids who can read

Our highly trained dog volunteers love to hear stories! Come practice your reading skills by reading to these adorable dogs! We provide the books AND the dogs. Please register at the information desk or by calling 634-6308.



Computer Basics

Feb 12 | Sat | 2-3:15p

Adults

This class is designed for adults & seniors who know very little about computers, but who want to learn more. Questions will be answered regarding basic windows, internet usage, MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and any other computer related topics. Please register at the reference desk, or by calling the library.



Chocolate Festival

Feb 16 | Wed | 5-6:30p

Teens ages 12 and older

Are you a Choc-o-holic? Well, bring your appetite and your curiosity to the Capitol Hill Library for an evening of everything Chocolate! We'll have games, trivia, and yes, CHOCOLATE! Seats are limited, so please call 634-6308 to reserve your spot today.



Art From the Heart

Feb 17 | Thur | 4-6p

Elementary ages

Make something special to give away to someone special. Kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Please call 634-6308 for more info.

After School at Your Library

Feb 18,25 | Fri | 4-5p

Ages 10-16

Have fun with art! Work on creative projects and learn about different kinds of artistic expression. Supplies and refreshments will be provided. Contact Angela at 634-6308 for more information or to sign up. Cosponsor: presented by the Kirkpatrick Family Fund.



Dr. Seuss Birthday Bash

Feb 28 | Mon | 3:30-5p

All ages

Come celebrate the birthday of favorite children's author. Read your favorite Dr. Seuss book, play games, make hats and enjoy birthday cake! Kids younger than age 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Please call 634-6308 for more information.



Choctaw Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



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Lapsit Story Time

Feb 1,8,15,22 | Tue

9:30-10a

Ages 6 months-3 years

Join us for simple songs, rhymes, and stories for parents and babies to enjoy together. Call 390-8418 or stop by the reference desk to sign up.



Preschool StoryTime

Feb 1,8,15,22 | 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.



Gentle Art of Yoga

Feb 2,9,16,23 | Wed | 6-7p

Adults

The Far East has long known the health benefits of Yoga and the gentle art has now found its way to the Western World. The health benefits of yoga include stress reduction. The concentration required during yoga practice tends to focus your attention on the matter at hand, thereby reducing the emphasis you may have been putting on the stress in your life. Classes are free, open to the public, but limited to 25. Please pre-register at 309-8418, ext 3.

Parachute Play

Feb 4 | Fri | 10:30-11a

Ages 3-5 years

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 active play. Class size is limited to 12 children and their parents. Call 390-8418.



Choctaw Library's Pageturner's Book Club

Feb 5 | Sat | 10-11a

Adults

The Choctaw Library Pageturner's Book Club will meet and discuss *Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson. Drop by or call the library to reserve a copy and join in the discussion of the late Steig Larsson's intriguing work. Pre-registration preferred. Light refreshments will be provided. Cosponsor: Eastern Oklahoma County Tech Center.

Pastel Pizzazz! Art Class for Beginners

Feb 7 | Mon | 9:30a-12:30p

Adults

In this fun and creative class, students will learn all the basics about oil pastel drawing: color mixing, layering, shading, and composition. Students will have a still life drawing to take home. Students are encouraged to bring still life items or photos of still life to class. These classes will be taught by art teacher Debbie Langston. Supplies will be provided. Pre-registration is required.

Teen Book Club

Feb 9 | Wed | 4:30-5:30p

Teens

Choctaw Library has just started a book club for Teens! Come enjoy pizza and drinks as we talk about awesome books. At each meeting, we choose the next month's book, so just call the library at 390-8418 to find out what we're reading.



Open Play Time

Feb 12 | Sat | 10-11a

Ages 6 months-5 years

Sharing in playtime with your young child helps promote learning and development. Each second Saturday the library provides a roomful of great toys for children ages 6 months to 5 years. We invite you to join in the fun! Call 390-8418 to register.



Children Reading to Dogs

Feb 12 | Sat | 3-4p

Feb 16 | Wed | 4-5p

Children who can read

Come and read to a dog! (A dog and trainer certified as a therapy team by Therapy Dogs International.) 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! Come by or call 390-8418 to reserve a space.



Your One-Year-Old

Feb 15 | Tue | 6-7p

Parents and caregivers
of Young Children

Join other parents and caregivers as we explore typical language development of children from 12 to 24 months old. This workshop will focus on tips and activities to stimulate your child's language and learning skills. Facilitated by Child Guidance staff, Cheryl Custer and Tracy Goebel. Pre-register: 425-4412. Cosponsor: OCCHD.



Child Guidance Screenings

Feb 17 | Thur | 12:30-5p

Ages birth to 5 years

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Third Annual ChocolateFest

Feb 17 | Thur | 6-7p

Teens

Join us as we celebrate the joys of chocolate at our 3rd Annual ChocolateFest! We'll have games, prizes, plenty of delicious sampling, and some factoids about chocolate. This year's event is not to be missed!



AARP Defensive Driver Safety Course

Feb 19 | Sat | 9a-4p

Ages 16 and older

Attention all licensed drivers! Thomas Edwards, District Coordinator with AARP Driver Safety Program will lead this course to update your skills and knowledge for safer driving. A certificate of Completion of this course will provide an auto insurance discount lasting three years. AARP members: \$12; all others: \$14 cash or check payable to AARP is required the day of the course. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Preregistration required: 390-8418 ext 3. Cosponsor: AARP and Eastern Oklahoma Technology Center.

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Feb 21 | Mon | 6-7p

All ages



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Origami After School

Feb 23 | Wed | 4:30-5:30p

Ages 6 and older

The ancient art of origami is a great way to improve motor skills, memory skills and be creative! Learn about geometry and fractions in a fun way! Join us to practice some simple origami. Bring your own favorites to share. Register at the reference desk or call 390-8418.

Ookami Anime Club

Feb 26 | 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.

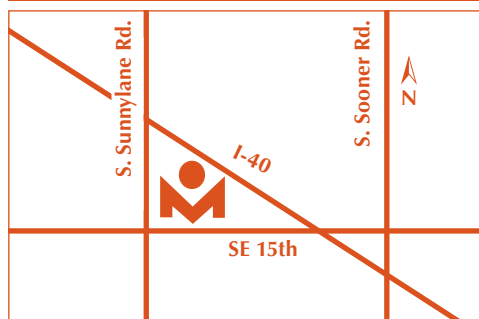
Del City Library

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 3,10,17,24 | Thur | Noon-4p

Feb 5,12,19,26 | Sat | 9-11a

Feb 7,14,21,28 | Mon | Noon-4p

Adults

AARP-trained tax volunteers will assist you in preparing your state and federal tax forms. Simple forms only, no appointments only, first come, first served. E-filing only.

TAB Meet-Up

Feb 8 | Tue | 3:30-4:30p

Teens

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) gives teens the opportunity to participate, volunteer, and influence teen services at the Del City Library. We meet once a month to talk about the books, magazines, music, and library programs that YOU care about. Join us and make the Del City Library YOUR library! Call 672-1377 for more information.

Be My Valentine Storytime

Feb 8 | Tue | 6:30-7:15p

Ages 4-8

Valentine stories! Valentine activities! Children



are invited to come and have fun at the February Evening Storytime.

PlayTime

Feb 10 | Thur | 10-11a

Ages 6 mos-3 yrs

Young children are invited to come play with the library's toys! Parents and caregivers are invited to come hear guest Lisa Oliver from Rainbow Fleet. She will be sharing information about services of her organization.



Valentine Craft Fun

Feb 12 | Sat | 2-3p

Ages 8-12

Wondering what to give for Valentine's Day? Join us for a fun craft that is so sweet you'll want to keep it yourself. Space is limited so please call to reserve your spot ahead of time.

Rhythmically Speaking presents Absolutely Soulfully Oklahoma: "Bedpans, Blackball and Bankrobbery"

Feb 15 | Tue

6:30-7:30p

All ages

Held at the Del City High School Auditorium, 1900 South Sunnylane Rd. Right here in Oklahoma we have soulful, powerful stories to tell of strong black towns and communities with life changing history. Join Rhythmically Speaking to celebrate Black History month. All performances are free and are for all ages. Seating is limited so plan to arrive early. Co-Sponsor: Oklahoma Arts Council, Arts Council of Oklahoma City, Friends of the Metropolitan Library System, National Endowment for the Arts.



Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County

Feb 17 | Thur | 3:30-5p

Del City Library

4509 S.E. 15th

Del City, OK 73115

405.672.1377

The public is welcome to attend.



Crafts, Etc.

Feb 17 | Thur | 6-7:30p

Teens-adults

Knitters, beaders, stitchers, and gluers - come one, come all! Bring any project you're working on and join a fun group of fellow crafters while you explore and expand your interests and creativity. Work on your own handiwork, and watch a mini-demonstration of an easy craft that you can take home. Please sign up and call for more information.

February 2011

Thursday Noon Tunes



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

February 3:
Dustin Prinz, guitar instrumental and folk

February 10:
Matt Blagg, blue-eyed soul

February 17:
Lyric Theatre, Independence Interactive Theater

February 24:
Del City High School Jazz Band

All performances are free and open to the public.

Downtown Library
300 Park Ave. | OKC, OK | (405) 606-3833



Let's Be Friends Storytime
Feb 18 | Fri | 10-10:20a
Ages 1-5



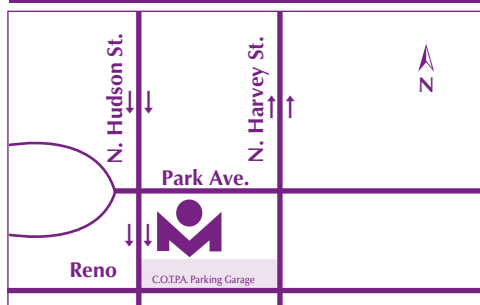
It is wonderful having friends! Little children will enjoy hearing stories about friends.

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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Computer Basics
Feb 1,8,15,22 | Tue
6-7:30p
Adults



This computer class is 4 weeks and each class builds upon previous class. Plan to attend all 4 classes as part of a complete learning experience. Please note that students who have not attended beginning classes will not be able to attend later classes unless special permission is given by the teacher. Classes will include Microsoft Word, Internet searching, Email and more. Class is located in the Route 66 Computer Lab at the Downtown Library. Please call 606-3879 to register.

Wednesday Night at the Movies

Feb 2,9,16,23 | Wed | 6-8p
Ages 13 and older

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

Feb 2: *A Raisin in the Sun*
Feb 9: *Imitation of Life*
Feb 16: *Glory*
Feb 23: *Amistad*

Noon Tunes
Feb 3,10,17,24 | Thur
11:30a-12:30p
All ages



Cosponsored by the Friends of the Metropolitan Library System. Music groups performing in February are:

Feb 3 *Dustin Prinz, guitar instrumental and folk*

Feb 10: *Matt Blagg, blue-eyed soul*

Feb 17: *Lyric Theatre, interactive theater*

Feb 24: *Del City High School Jazz Band*

PM Play With Me
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Infant to age 4 with parent or guardian



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Play With Me
Feb 4 | Fri | 10-10:50a
Infants to age 4 w/parent



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231-8650, ext. 4, or by visiting the Children's Reference Desk.

AD/HD or ADD Classes

Feb 5 | Sat | 10:30-11:30a
Adults



Calling All Parents Raising a Child with AD/HD or ADD. Free Classes! Children with AD/HD or ADD pose special challenges for parents. Learn more about "The Role of Medication in the Treatment Plan" All interested persons are welcome. Call 231-8650 ext. 4.

A Visit with Oklahoma Authors

Feb 10 | Thur | 6:30-8p
Adults

Contemporary Oklahoma authors, Rilla Askew, Tim Tingle, and Marcia Preston will participate in a panel discussion about their craft. This event is free to the public, and is in conjunction with the course "Contemporary Oklahoma Writers" offered by Oklahoma City Community College through the OKC Downtown College. Writers, readers, students, and anyone interested in the written word are invited to learn from these writers who are successful in their field. RSVP at 405.232.3382. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City Downtown College.

Preschool Aerobics

Feb 11 | Fri | 10-10:45a
Ages 12 mos - 5 years 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. Pre-register by calling 231-8650, ext. 4 or by visiting the Children's Reference Desk.

Gallery Storytime

Feb 12 | Sat | 2-3p
All ages



The Metropolitan Library System, along with OKCMOA, invites children to connect art with reading during monthly storytimes at the museum. Join us the 2nd Saturday of every month at 2:00pm at the Oklahoma Museum of Art. Admission fee to the Gallery is required. A parent or caregiver must remain with children.

The Romance of Chopin with Wayne McEvilly

Feb 13 | Sun | 2-3p
All ages



This Second Sunday Concert brings Wayne McEvilly to our stage in the 46th Star Auditorium with a 60 minute program of music and conversation about Chopin's love for the piano. Music includes "Ballade", "Waltzes", "Revolutionary Etude" and beautiful

"Nocturnes". Bring your special Valentine (of any age) to enjoy this beautiful concert.

Book 'N' Play Storytime

Feb 18 | Fri | 10-10:45a
Ages 3 to 5 years with adult



Children between the ages of three and five are getting ready to master the skills they need to become readers. Book 'N Play will include a variety of activities, fingerplays, songs, and a craft that will encourage an interest in books, reading, and a love for literature. Pre-register by calling 231-8650 ext.4, or by visiting the Children's Reference Desk.

Create an African Symbol Mask

Feb 19 | Sat | 1:30-2:30p
Elementary Students 3rd-5th grade

Come and create your very own African Symbol Mask using Andinkra symbols. Completed Masks may be placed on display for the month of February. Class size is limited, so please pre-register by calling 231-8650 ext.4.

Children Reading to Dogs

Feb 19 | Sat | 3-4p
Children who read



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

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Child Guidance Developmental and Language Screenings

Feb 24 | Thur | 9a-Noon
Ages birth to 5 years with parent



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Music Play with Miss Ginger

Feb 25 | Fri | 10-10:45a
Ages 2 to 5 years with 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.

Edmond Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6

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In Stitches-Edmond Library Needlecraft Group

Feb 1,8 | Tue | 9:30a-2p
Adults

Do you knit or do you do needlework?

Develop your skills or learn about stitchery at the Edmond Library. You will pursue your hobbies as a group, and you will further develop your abilities by exchanging tips with your knitting or needlework friends. Stay for just a few minutes or for the entire session. You must bring your own yarn, knitting needles, and stitchery projects if you have some. This is self-instruction. Please register by calling 341-9282.

Lapsit: Playtime and Storytime

Feb 1,15 | Tue | 9:30-10a and 10:15-10:45a and 11-11:30a

Birth to 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, movement, early literacy skills, books and language development.



Pastel Pizzazz! Art Class for Beginners

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Baby Basics

Feb 1 | Tue | 3:30-5p

Parents

Even if this isn't your first experience of being a parent, questions may arise. Our main focus will be typical concerns of parents throughout the years. We'll discuss colic/crying, separation anxiety, sleeping through the night and any other issues you may want to talk about. We will also suggest some fun activities and ways to include your infant in everything you do. Call 425-4412 to register. Co-Sponsor: OCCHD.



Chess Club for Teens

Feb 1,8,15,22 | Tue

6-7p

Teens

Free Chess Club for Teens meets Tuesday nights 6:00 to 7:00. All skill levels are welcome. Students can play others who are learning or have prior skills in the game. Local mom and coach provides materials and instructions.



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Children who read

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55+ Coffee Break

Feb 2,9,16,23 | Wed | 9:30-11a

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 this opportunity to mingle and meet new people.

Tax Help by AARP Volunteers

Feb 2,9,16,23 | Wed | 10a-3p

Feb 2,9,16,23 | Wed | 5:30-8:30p

Feb 10,18,24 | Thur | 10a-Noon

All Ages

AARP-trained tax volunteers will assist you in preparing your state and federal tax forms. Simple forms only, no appointments only, first-come, first served. E-filing only. Cosponsor: AARP.

Computer Instruction with Carl

Feb 2,9,16,23 | Wed

1-4p

Adults 18 and older

Library computer specialist Carl will work with individuals in one hour increments on the library computers. Pre-registration is mandatory. Call 341-9282 to pre-register.



Intermediate ESL

Feb 2,7,9,14,16,21,23,28

Mon & Wed | 1-4p

Adults

This class is for adults who would like to improve their spoken and written English, and includes grammar, conversation, vocabulary, reading, writing, listening, and pronunciation. The Class is provided by Oklahoma City Community College. Free. Register with instructor on the first day you plan to attend. Free. Cosponsor: OCCC.



Computer Instruction with Dave

Feb 2,9,16,23 | Wed

7-8p

Adults 18 and older

Free! Join Dave for computer instruction. Call 341-9282 to register. Please call by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday to verify your appointment.



Stamp Club

Feb 5,19 | Sat | 10a-Noon

Grades 4 and higher

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

Advanced Farsi

Feb 6,13,20,27 | 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. All written materials are provided by instructor.



Beginning Farsi

Feb 6,13,20,27 | Sun

2:30-3:30p

Adults and teens

For those who have had no previous experience with the Farsi language. Basic concepts of reading, writing, and speaking Farsi will be introduced. Supply charge is \$20. per month, payable to the instructor.



Preschool Storytime

Feb 7,14,21,28 | 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.



Lapsit: Playtime and Parachute Play

Feb 8 | Tue | 9:30-10a

and 10:15-10:45a and

11-11:30a

Birth to 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, movement, early literacy skills, language development and parachute play.



Chess and Board Games for Kids

Feb 8 | Tue | 6-7:30p

Teens

Chess and Board Games offers beginning players a chance to learn and improve their game playing skills, while practicing good sportsmanship in a positive environment. Those interested should contact Connie Hong at conniehong.ok@gmail.com to signup or for more information.

Edmond Manga and Anime

Feb 10 | Thur | 4-5:30p

Teens

Free Club for Teens. Meets the Second Thursday of the month from 4:00 to 5:30.



Local teens meet to talk, draw, watch and compare Manga/Anime. Content is PG-13 and up and can be unsuitable for younger children.

Music With Susan

Feb 11,25 | 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 11,25 | 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 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 12 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon

Adults

February's "Reader's Choice" selection is *The Soloist: A Lost Dream, An Unlikely Friendship, and the Redemptive Power of Music* by Steve Lopez. It is a compelling story based on the author's real experiences. Books are available for reserve in the library. Call 341-9282 if you have questions.

Edmond Library Book Bunch

Feb 12 | Sat | 2-3:30

Seniors

The February book selection for the Book Bunch is *The Zookeeper's Wife*, a true story of tremendous courage and compassion in Warsaw Poland during the Holocaust. Copies of this book are available to reserve from the library system. Questions? Call 341-9282.

Developmental Child Screening

Feb 15 | Tue | 1-5p

Ages birth to 5 years



Child Guidance is offering developmental and speech/language screenings @ the libraries once again! A developmental screening is a very general look at how children are doing compared to other children the same age. At a screening appointment, your child's developmental progress will be assessed. Any questions or concerns you may have about your child's development or behavior will be discussed. Information about upcoming stages and home activities will be given. Screenings

will include a small fee. To schedule your screening appointment, please call Child Guidance @ 405-425-4412. Cosponsor: OCCHD.

Sustainable Edmond

Feb 15 | Tue | 6:30-8p

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, emotionally, and socially. Sustainable Edmond promotes environmental stewardship through individual, commercial, and business participation.

Trip Around the World

Feb 19 | Sat | 2-3:30p

Grades 3-6

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to travel the globe right in your very own local library. This innovative and hands-on experience for children in grades three through six is sponsored by the Junior League of Oklahoma City. Kids 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 or call the library. Cosponsor: Junior League of Oklahoma City.

Lapsit: Playtime and Toddler Aerobics

Feb 22 | Tue | 9:30-10a

and 10:15-10:45a and

11-11:30a

Birth to 2 years



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

Rhythmically Speaking presents

Absolutely Soulfully Oklahoma:

"Bedpans, Blackball and Bankrobbery"

Feb 22 | Tue | 7-8p

All ages



Right here in Oklahoma we have soulful, powerful stories to tell of strong black towns and communities with life changing history. Join Rhythmically Speaking to celebrate Black History month. All performances are free and are for all ages. Seating is limited so plan to arrive early. Co-Sponsor: Oklahoma Arts Council, Arts Council of Oklahoma City, Friends of the Metropolitan Library System, National Endowment for the Arts.

Reduxion Theatre presents "Comedic Combat"

Feb 26 | Sat | 11a-Noon

Ages 6-14



In conjunction with the afternoon presentation of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer's Nights Dream*, a workshop for ages 6-14 will be presented. Actual staged combat scenes from the performance will be used to describe and discover the secret of "safe violence" on stage and also focusing on the silly and slap-stick. Participants will also play a game of "stunt-double stand-in." Cosponsor: Reduxion Theatre, Oklahoma Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts.

Reduxion Theatre presents

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" on tour

Feb 26 | Sat | 2-4p

Ages 6-adult



Midsummer Night's Dream is lively and colorful. Reduxion Theatre's fresh take on this classic comedy featuring diaphanous costumes, transformative set design and an original score designed to explore the music, dance and fantasy of Shakespeare's most beloved romantic comedy set in the world of classical Greece. Fairies and lovers, nobles and working class, none are exempt from the folly of love. Cosponsor: Reduxion Theatre, Oklahoma Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts.

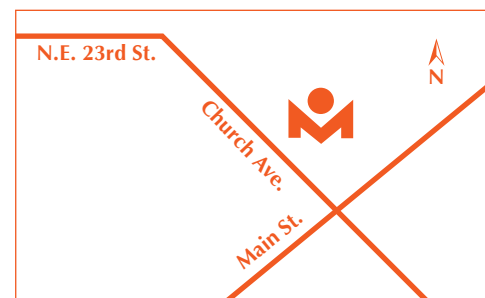
Harrah Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



2011 Winter Readfest

Feb. 1-28

Age 55 Plus

Join Winter Readfest and read for pleasure and profit! Read two books, fill out a slip, drop it in the box and wait for your name to be drawn. One entry for every two books you read. Prizes include gift cards, tickets to the Baron's Hockey games, Lyric season

Tax Help: AARP

For Adults. AARP trained volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2010 state and federal tax returns. No appointments taken. First come, first served.

Belle Isle Library–AARP, E-filing ONLY.

Tuesdays: Feb 1,8,15,22: 9a-1p

Wednesdays: Feb 2,9,16,23: 9a-1p

Saturdays: Feb 5,12,19,26: 9a-Noon

Del City Library–AARP, E-filing ONLY

Thursdays: Feb 3,10,17,24: Noon- 4p

Saturdays: Feb 5,12,19,26: 9-11a

Mondays: Feb 7,14,21,28: Noon-4p

Edmond Library–AARP E-filing ONLY

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

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

Thursdays: Feb 10,17,24: 5:30-8:30p

The Village Library–AARP, E-filing ONLY.

Tuesdays: Feb 1,8,15,22: 10a-3p

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

Saturdays: Feb 5,12,19,26:10a-3p

Warr Acres Library–AARP, E-filing ONLY

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

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

tickets, Oklahoma City Museum of Art and Oklahoma History Center family memberships and more. Program begins Feb. 1st and ends February 28th. Drawings will be held on March 1st. Call 606-3835 for information. Cosponsor: Friends of the Library and Library Endowment Trust.

Children Reading to Dogs Feb 12 | Sat | 9a-Noon Grades K-6th

Come join us and practice your reading skills by reading a story to our therapy dog Chewbacca. Call 454-2001 for information.



Story Time Feb 21 | Mon | 10:30-11a Ages birth-7 years

Join us as books become real in Harrah's library reading time. Please pre-register at the library or call 454-2001.

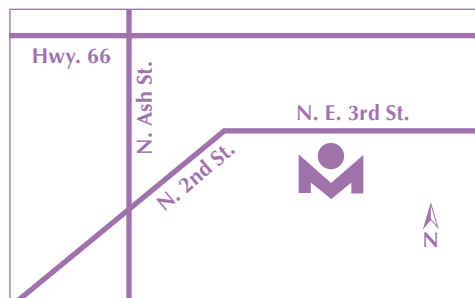


Luther Library

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

HOURS

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



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ends February 28th. Drawings will be held on March 1st. Call 606-3835 for information. Cosponsor: Friends of the Library and Library Endowment Trust.

Winter Wii Fest

Feb 1-28 | 9:30a-6p

All ages

We have video games all month for the children to play. Drop in and have a great time. We have Super Smash Bros, Super Monkey Ball 2, Sonic Heroes and Mario Kart Double Dash. Any day and time is video game time at the Library.

Oklahoma County Triad: Keeping Our Citizens Safe

Feb 1 | Tue | 11a-Noon

Adults

Keeping our Citizens Safe. Don't be a Victim come and learn what is happening in our communities and how to be safe in our homes. TRIAD gives you the opportunity to get the latest crime-prevention information direct from your local law enforcement. What can be better than that. Call 277-9967 for information.

Coffee Break

Feb 7 | Mon | 9:30a-10:30a

Adults

Come by for a cup of coffee and light refreshment and see the book we are featuring this week.

Quilting and Sewing

Feb 21 | Mon | 10a-4:30p

Adults

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

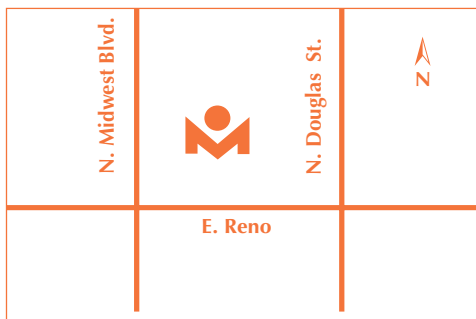
Midwest City Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6



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Feb. 1-28

Age 55 Plus

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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' will again feature her award-winning art quilts of contemporary portrait collages. Her work is also featured in this month's Quilt Life, the official magazine of the American Quilter's Society. The exhibit is free and open to the public during all library hours.

Tutoring

Feb 1-28 | Library Hours

Teens and kids

If you are a school-aged student and need

tutoring, (tutee) or, are a teen who can provide tutoring (tutor), please contact the Information Desk at 405-732-4828. This program is on-going during the school year.

Knit Wit Crochet Program

Feb 1,15 | Tue | 10a-Noon

All ages

Learn to knit or crochet OR, strengthen your craft. Crochet class meets every first Tuesday of the month; knitting class meets every third Tuesday. Class is free and all supplies provided by the library. No registration required.

Yu-gi-oh

Feb 1 | Tue | 2-4p

All ages

Come and get your Yu-gi-oh game on every second and last Saturday of the month. No experience necessary.

ESL

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

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

All ages

February 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22 and 24 participants learn to improve their English language skills through everyday conversation. No registration is required. Cosponsor: OCCC Adult Learning Center.



Legislative Meet and Greet

Feb 1 | 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. 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. Cosponsor: Midwest City Chamber of Commerce.

Your One-Year-Old Child

Feb 1 | Tue | 6-7p

Parents and caregivers of young children

Join other parents and caregivers as we explore typical language development of children from 12 to 24 months old. This workshop will focus on tips and activities to stimulate your child's language and learning skills. Facilitated by Child Guidance staff, Cheryl Custer and Tracy Goebel. Pre-register: 425-4412. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Dept.



Pajama Storytime

Feb 1 | Tue | 6:30-7p

Children of all ages

Bedtime stories for children of all ages. Put on your pajamas and grab your favorite stuffed friend. We will enjoy stories, songs,



poems, rhymes and the occasional craft. All children should be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

Spanish With Señorita Emmy

Feb 2,9,16,23 | Wed | 6-7p

Adults

Come to the Midwest City Library and learn Spanish with Señorita Emmy. Every Wednesday participants will strengthen their Spanish vocabulary and grammar. This class is free. To attend, please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.



Cold Season Veggies with Ray Ridlen

Feb 3 | Thur | 1:30-3p

All ages

It is that time of the year to consider planting cold season vegetables. If you want your garden to include: potatoes, onions and other cold season crops please attend our Cold Season Seminar taught by Ray Ridlen from the OSU/OKC. This class is free and available to all; no registration required. For further information please call 732-4828.

Book Bug Club

Feb 3 | Thur | 3:30-5:30p

Grades 1-3

Join us in the Book Bug Club! We will have a snack, play a game and make a craft. We will be discussing "Punxsutawney Phyllis" by Susanna Leonard Hill. You can pick up a copy of a book of Aesop's Fables at the Information Desk. Registration is required.

Bey Blade Metal Fusion Tournament

Feb 4 | Fri | 4-5:30p

Kids and teens

Come to the library and participate in our Bey Blade Metal Fusion Tournament. Each participant must provide: a bey blade, launcher and rip cord. For more information please contact Suzette at 405-732-4828.

Saturday Morning Cartoons

Feb 5 | Sat | 10a-Noon

Children of all ages

Spend your Saturday morning at the library watching cartoons. All movies are rated G or PG. Ask at the Information Desk to find out what movie will be showing. Space is limited.

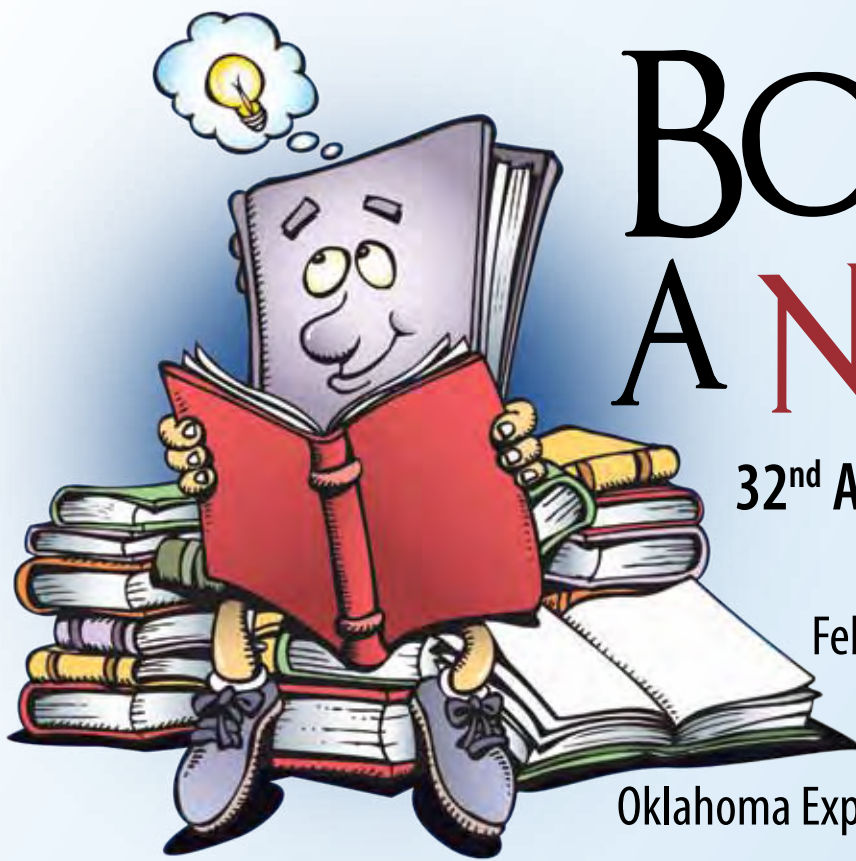
Lapsit Play and Storytime

Feb 5 | Sat | 10:30-11:5a

10 mos-3 years w/parent/caregiver

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





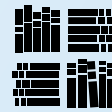
BOOKSALE.. A NOVEL IDEA!

32nd Annual Friends Booksale 2011

**Saturday & Sunday
February 26 – 27 | 9am – 5:30pm**

Free Admission

Oklahoma Expo Hall | State Fairgrounds | Oklahoma City



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Feb 5 | Sat | 1-5p

Teens & young adults

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.

Cosponsor: Midwest City Police Department.

Community Quilting with Soldier Creek Quilting Group

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

All ages

Perpetuate art forms and inspire others in quilting. Members of Soldier Creek Quilting Group invite you to attend every Monday at the library. No experience necessary, just a willingness to create art. Registration is not required.

Cosponsor: Soldier Creek Quilting Group.

Preschool Storytime

Feb 7,14,21 | Mon

10-10:30a or 11-11:30a

Ages 2-5 w/parent

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



Whose Line Is It Anyway?

Feb 7 | Mon | 5:30-7p

Teens

Get your IMPROV ON every Monday!! No registration required.



Teens

Build Your Own Business

Feb 7 | Mon | 6-7:30p

Adults

Thinking about starting your own business? Attend one of these seminars and learn how to start a business in Oklahoma, the factors leading to success and financing, and more. Sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration and led by a member of SCORE. "Counselors to America's Small Business." Cosponsor: Small Business Administration, SCORE.

Basic Japanese

Feb 8,15,22 | Tue | 6-7:15p

Adults

Learn how to speak, write and understand basic Japanese with Mr. Jun Orikasa. This class is free. To attend please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.



Languages & Lifeskills

Children Reading to Dogs

Feb 8,22 | Tue | 7-7:30p

Children who can read

Read to a specially trained dog who loves to hear a good book! The dogs particularly enjoy



hearing one of the dog stories we will have, but you can bring your own book too. It is especially valuable in building self confidence and self-esteem for those needing an uncritical, appreciative, listening audience to improve reading skills. All dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams. Registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up. Cosponsor: Creatures & Kids, and TDI.

After School Movie

Feb 10,24 | Thur | 4:30-6p

Children of all ages

Join us for a different movie every week. All movies are rated G or PG. Ask at the Information Desk to find out this week's movie. Space is limited so show up early.

Tuning in To Temperament

Feb 10 | Thur | 6-7:30p

Parents & caregivers of young children

This workshop will explore three temperament styles-flexible, spirited, and cautious. Learn how these differences play an important role as infants and young children relate to their world and how you can adjust your parenting styles to accommodate your child's temperament. Facilitated by Sarita Naegeli. Pre-register: 425-4412. Cosponsor: OCCHD.



African American Cultural Heritage Day Celebration

Feb 13 | Sun | 2-4p

All ages



The Midwest City Library will host our 3rd 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, books and song. This program is free and available to the public.

Midwest City Readers' Society

Feb 15 | Tue | 10-11:30a

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. Pick up your copy of our current book at the Information Desk, or call 732-4828.

Family Craft Night

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

Children of all ages



Come to the library for a fun evening of craft activities. We will have several craft stations set up with activities for all ages and skill levels. Please sign-up in advance so we will have enough supplies for everyone. Register at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828.

Child Development Screenings

Feb 16 | Wed | 1-5p

Parents of young children



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Rhythmically Speaking presents Absolutely Soulfully Oklahoma: "Bedpans, Blackball and Bankrobbery"

Feb 17 | Thur

6:30-7:30p

All ages



Right here in Oklahoma we have soulful, powerful stories to tell of strong black towns and communities with life changing history. Join Rhythmically Speaking to celebrate

Black History month. All performances are free and are for all ages. Seating is limited so plan to arrive early. Co-Sponsor: Oklahoma Arts Council, Arts Council of Oklahoma City, Friends of the Metropolitan Library System, National Endowment for the Arts.

Toddler Aerobics

Feb 28 | Mon | 10-10:30a

Ages 2-5 years with parent



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

Nicoma Park Library

2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park
(405) 769-9452

HOURS

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



2011 Winter Readfest

Feb. 1-28

Age 55 Plus

Join Winter Readfest and read for pleasure and profit! Read two books, fill out a slip, drop it in the box and wait for your name to be drawn. One entry for every two books you read. Prizes include gift cards, tickets to the Baron's Hockey games, Lyric season tickets, Oklahoma City Museum of Art and Oklahoma History Center family memberships and more. Program begins Feb. 1st and ends February 28th. Drawings will be held on March 1st. Call 606-3835 for information. Cosponsor: Friends of the Library and Library Endowment Trust.

Children Reading to Dogs

Feb 10,17 | Thur

4-4:45p

Ages 4 and older



Children improve their skills 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 769-9452.

Lady Crafters

Feb. 18 | Fri | 10a-Noon

Adults

Ladies of all ages come together to craft items suitable for the season. Most projects are free. Call 769-9452 for more information.

Ralph Ellison Library

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

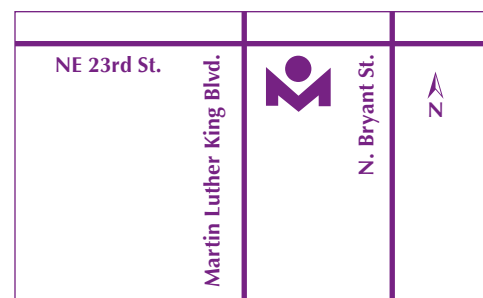
HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-8

Fri: 9-6

Sat: 9-5

Sun: Closed



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Feb. 1-28

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After School at Your Library

Feb 1,8,15,22 | Tue | 4-5p

Ages 10-16

Have fun with art! Work on creative projects and learn about different kinds of artistic expression. Supplies and refreshments will be provided. Contact Anna at 424-1437 for more information or to sign up. Cosponsor: presented by the Kirkpatrick Family Fund.

Black Towns in Oklahoma History

Feb 1,22 | Tue | 6:30-8p

All ages

Presentation on the history of Black towns in Oklahoma. Mr. Shaw presents a lively discussion of the rich history of Black communities in early Oklahoma. Many visual images are included. Two part program.

Toastmasters

Feb 2,9,16,23 | Wed | 6-8p

Adults

Toastmasters international provides a way to practice & hone the communication & leadership skills of its members.

Boston Scientific presents: Close the Gap

Feb 3 | Thur | 6-8p

Adults

Interested in a healthy heart? Want to learn about healthy living and the way to a healthy heart? Then come join us for an informational program led by local professional cardiologists. Cosponsor: Boston Scientific.

Girls Today, Tomorrow's

Young Women, Inc

Feb 4 | Fri | 3-5p

Feb 19 | Sat | 2-4p

Ages 12-18

Join Ronda Jackson, founder of Girls Today, Tomorrow's Young Women, Inc, to discuss topics relevant for today's teens. All young ladies who attend should be prepared to leave with a more confident sense of self. Everyone deserves to be encouraged! Call 424-1437 for more information.



Sewing For Fun

Feb 4 | Fri | 4-5:30p

Ages 6-12

Learn basic sewing skills, fabrics, hand sewing, use of a sewing machine and how to make simple items. Registration is required please call 549-1174. Cosponsor: Sisterhood Girls Club.

Valentine Card Making

Feb 7,14 | Mon | 3-6p

All ages

Valentine's Day is February 14 so it's a perfect month to let those you love know how much they mean to you. So, stop by Ralph Ellison Library and create a card for that someone special. Supplies are free and no sign-up is required.

Ralph Ellison Adult Book Club

Feb 7 | Mon | 6-7p

All ages

Love to read and talk about books? Then join the Ralph Ellison Adult Book Club. February's book is *Have a Little Faith* by Mitch Albom. Call 424-1437 or visit the library for more information or to reserve a copy of the book. Cosponsor: S.O.U.P.

Preschool Storytime

Feb 8,22 | Tue | 10-10:30a

Ages 3-5

Fun time with fingerplays, musics, books and more.



Get Back to Your Roots

Feb 10 | Thur | 6-7p

Age 13 and older

Do you want to learn how to build your family tree? Join Steve Hawkins from the Oklahoma Historical Society as he teaches the basics of genealogy and family tree building. Call 424-1437 or visit Ralph Ellison Library to sign-up. Cosponsor: Oklahoma Historical Society.

Children Reading to Dogs

Feb 12 | Sat | 11a-Noon

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.



Chocolate Challenge

Feb 14 | Mon | 4-6p

Teens

Can't get enough of chocolate? Ever wonder where it came from? Think you can identify your favorite chocolate candy bar by taste alone? Then come join us Monday, February 14 at the Ralph Ellison Library for a chocolate challenge like you've never "tasted" before! To register drop by the Information Desk or call 424-1437.



Ellen Sheffield-Charles Musical

Memories of Deep Deuce

Feb 17 | Thur | 6:30-8p

All ages

Growing up in a musical family Ellen Sheffield-Charles has stories to tell about the musicians her father played with and her personal experiences. She grew up to be an accomplished musician and shares her journey.



Book Talk With Kenneth Bowens

Feb 19 | Sat | 2-4p

Adults

Join us for a book talk with Kenneth Bowens author of *The Education of Black Dickey*, a work of historical fiction.

Build Your Own Business

Feb 21 | Mon | 5:30-7p

Adults

Thinking about starting your own business? Attend one of these seminars and learn how to start a business in Oklahoma, the factors leading to success and financing, and more. Sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration and led by a member of SCORE. "Counselors to America's Small Business."

Rhythmically Speaking presents

Absolutely Soulfully Oklahoma:

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Feb 24 | Thur

6:30-7:30p

All ages

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S.O.U.P. Open Mic Poetry Night

Feb 28 | Mon | 6:30-8p

Adults

S.O.U.P. Society of Urban Poets provides an opportunity for budding poets to share their work with an audience full of supporters. Just show up ready to read.

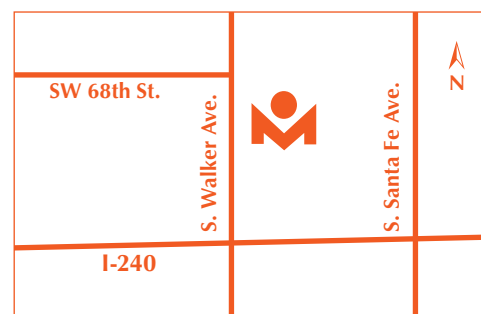
Southern Oaks Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
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Feb. 1-28

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Family Place: 1-2-3 Play With Me

Feb 2 | Wed | 10-11a

Infants to age 4 w/parents

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 free program is intended for infants through age four with their parents or guardians. Pre-register by calling the library or visiting the reference desk.



GED @ Southern Oaks Library

Feb 2,7,9,14,16,21,23,28

Mon & Wed | 3-6p

Age 16 and 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. Attend any Monday or Wednesday class to enroll. Call 631-4468 for more information. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City Adult Learning Center.



SCORE - Business Counseling

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

Adults

If you are starting a new business or are a business owner in need of assistance, counseling is available the first and third Friday of the month, by appointment only. 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. Cosponsor: Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE).

Puppet-Pa-Looza

Feb 5 | Sat | 2-3p

Ages 2-5

That's right - all kinds of puppets! Cute ones, ugly ones, monsters and familiar characters will be on hand (literally) to entertain kids of all ages. The show will be written and performed by teen and young adult library volunteers. Oh yeah - it'll be fun! And free!



Preschool Storytime

Feb 7,14,21,28 | Mon

10:30-11:10a

Ages 2-5

Introduce young children to books and reading at our fun storytimes! Children will have fun with books, songs, and activities as they build their early literacy skills. All children should be accompanied by an adult. Please sign up by calling 631-4468 or by visiting the Information Desk.



Southern Oaks Book Club

Feb 8 | Tue | 12:30-1:30p

Adults

If you enjoy reading and discussing books, come to the Southern Oaks Library the second Tuesday of each month for our book club. New members are always welcome. Call 631-4468 to reserve your copy of the current book selection.

Children Reading to Dogs

Feb 8 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

Feb 26 | Sat | 10-11a

Children who can read

Come read to a dog! Children can practice and improve their reading skills by reading to specially trained dogs and their owners who act as an uncritical, appreciative audience. They love a good dog story. Borrow one of ours or bring your own. Dogs and their owners are trained & certified through Therapy Dogs International or HALO. Sign-up is required. Please call 631-4468 or visit the Information Desk.



Anime Club

Feb 9 | Wed | 6:30-8:30p

Ages 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.



Teens

Book Adventure: Kids' Book Club

Feb 17 | Thur | 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, make a craft or play a game. Call the library or come by the Information Desk to find out what book to read before the program. Some copies of the book will be available at the Information Desk. Pre-registration is required. Call 631-4468 or stop by the Information Desk to sign up.

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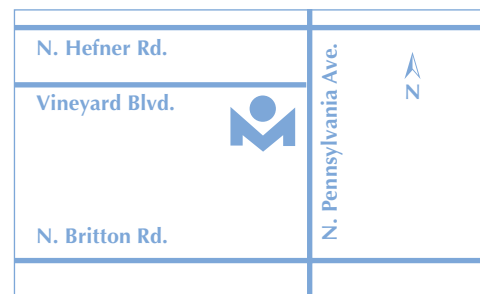
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10307 N. Pennsylvania Ave., The Village
(405) 755-0710

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Fri: 9-6

Sat: 9-5
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Tax Help by AARP Volunteers

Feb 1,8,15,22 | Tue | 10a-3p

Feb 2,9,16,23 | Wed | 10a-3p

Feb 5,12,19,26 | Sat | 10a-3p

All ages

AARP volunteers come to our branch to help people get their taxes done during the tax season. They'll be at the Village every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from 10am to 3pm. AARP members will help individuals on a first-come, first-served basis. Cosponsor: AARP.

Children Reading to Dogs

Feb 2,9,16,23 | Wed | 6-7p

Feb 3,10,17,24 | 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!



Healthy Weigh: Nutrition Education & Weight Loss Program

Feb 1,8,15,22 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

All ages

Would you like to lose a few pounds but don't know how? If so, come join "Healthy Weigh"

LIFETIME READERS SOCIETY PRESENTS:

WINTER READFEST 2011

FEBRUARY 1ST – FEBRUARY 28TH

For persons 55 & older.

With such great prizes as:

- A Nook eReader
- Season Tickets to Lyric Theatre
- Family Membership to the OKC Museum of Art
- Family Membership to Oklahoma History Center
- Membership to Oklahoma Food Coop
- Tickets to the OKC Baron's Hockey Games
- Gift cards to Western Concepts Restaurant Group,
- Good Egg Dining Group, Pearl's Restaurant Group,
- Cattlemen's, Johnnie's, Swadley's and more.



Winners are eligible for one prize each and will be notified by phone or mail.



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and learn simple ways to lead a healthier lifestyle. "Healthy Weigh" is a free, fun, interactive 12 week nutrition education and weight loss program. You will learn how to improve your health through a nutritious diet and just 20-30 minutes of exercise a day. Topics include: portion control, breaking bad habits, disease prevention, physical fitness, meal planning on a budget, and much more! Cosponsor: OCCHD.

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Family Game Night Feb 3 | Thur | 6:30-8:30p All ages



Bring your family to the library to play games or do puzzles together! Challenge other families to play games with you and see who

wins. Light refreshments will be provided. Please pre-register by calling 755-0710 or stopping by the Information Desk.

Village Chess Club Feb 4,11,18,25 | Fri | 3:30-5:30p All ages

Want to play chess? Come to the Village! All ages and skill levels welcome. For more information and registration, email Robert Green at rlgreen@okcps.org or call the Village Library 755-0710.

Valentine Make and Take Feb 5 | Sat | 10-11:30a Ages 5-12

Please join us for a Valentine make and take program. We will make crafts and cards to celebrate Valentine's Day. Space is limited, so please register at the Information Desk or call 755-0710.

After School at Your Library Feb 7,14,21,28 | Mon | 4-5p Ages 10-16

Have fun with art! Work on creative projects and learn about different kinds of artistic expression. Supplies and refreshments will be provided. Contact Mallory at 755-0710 for more information or to sign up. Cosponsor: presented by the Kirkpatrick Family Fund.

Your One-Year-Old Child Feb 8 | Tue | 6-7p Parents and caregivers of young children



Join other parents and caregivers as we explore typical language development of children from 12 to 24 months old. This workshop will focus on tips and activities to stimulate your child's language and learning skills. Please call 425-4412 to register. Cosponsor: OCCHD.

StoryTime Feb 10,17 | Thur | 10-10:30a Ages 2-5 with parent



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

V-SIFT: Chocolate Feb 10 | Thur | 4-5p Teens



V-SIFT = Village-Something Interesting For Teens, meets every second Thursday of the month with a new activity each month. This month's activity is Chocolate: You don't need a Valentine to have chocolate, candy, and play games. Please pre-register by stopping by the Information Desk or by calling 755-0710.

LEGO Club Feb 11 | Fri | 1-3p All ages

Come have fun building with LEGOs!

Child Development Screening

Feb 17 | Thur | 1-5p
Birth 5 yrs w/parent



Child Guidance is offering developmental and speech/language screenings @ the libraries once again! A developmental screening is a very general look at how children are doing compared to other children the same age. At a screening appointment, your child's developmental progress will be assessed. Any questions or concerns you may have about your child's development or behavior will be discussed. Information about upcoming stages and home activities will be given. Screenings will include a small fee. To schedule your screening appointment, please call Oklahoma City County Health Department, Child Guidance @ 405-425-4412.

Tuning In to Temperament

Feb 17 | Thur | 6-7:30p
For parents & caregivers of young children



This workshop will explore three temperament styles—flexible, spirited, and cautious. Learn how these differences play an important role as infants and young children relate to their world and how you can adjust your parenting styles to accommodate your child's temperament. Facilitated by Sarita Naegeli. Please call 425-4412 to register. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.

Introduction to Word 2007

Feb 17 | Thur | 6:30-8p
Adults



Free computer class for adults! Overview of the features of Word 2007. Learn how to create and save Word 2007 documents, how to set margins, indent and tab, change line spacing and more. Come in or call to sign up. Village Library (405) 755-0710.

Book Discussion Group

Feb 21 | 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.

Build Your Own Business With SCORE

Feb 24 | Thur | 6-7:30p
All ages

Explore the options of starting your own business with representatives from SCORE, the Service Corps of Retired Executives. We can help you get the essential questions answered about the process and the planning it takes to be a small business owner. Cosponsor: SCORE/ Small Business Administration.

Knitty Committee

Feb 26 | Sat | 10a-Noon
All ages

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! The recommended yarn for beginners is "variegated worsted weight" & size 7 or 8 needle.

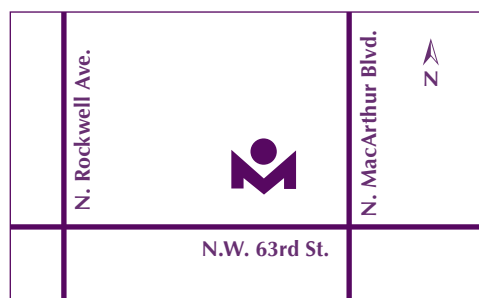
Warr Acres Library

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

HOURS

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Fri: 9-6

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



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Story Time for Preschoolers

Feb 1,15 | Tue | 10:30-11:15a
Ages 2 1/2 to 6 years



Children will enjoy stories with Miss Alma and her puppets followed by fun activities and further exploration of the joy of science. Please pre-register.

ESL Classes

Feb 2,7,9,14,16,21,23,28
Mon & Wed | 5:30-8p
Adults



Improve your English in this free class for people who are new to the English language. For questions and to register, call Oklahoma City Community College Adult Learning Center at 682-7873.

Tax Assistance

Feb 4,11,18,25 | Fri | 9a-2:30p
Feb 7,14,21,28 | Mon | 9a-2:30p
Adults

AARP-trained volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2010 state and federal tax returns. No appointments—first come, first served. E-filing only. Co-Sponsor: AARP.

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After School at Your Library

Feb 7,14,21,28 | Mon | 4-5p
Ages 10-16

Have fun with art! Work on creative projects and learn about different kinds of artistic expression. Supplies and refreshments will be provided. Contact Cheryl at 721-2616 for more information or to sign up. Cosponsor: presented by the Kirkpatrick Family Fund.

Bottles, Binkies and Ear Infections

Feb 8 | Tue | 3:30-5p
Adults



Come find out when and why to wean your child from the bottle. Do bottles and pacifiers contribute to the recurrence of middle ear infections? We will discuss symptoms of middle ear infections, how to recognize, and how they may affect language development. We will also discuss pacifier use. Please call Oklahoma City County Health Department, Child Guidance @ 405-425-4412 to enroll.

Play Time for Babies and Tots

Feb 9,16,23 | Wed
9:15-10a and 10:30-11:15a
Ages 8-30 months



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

Child Guidance Screenings

Feb 9 | Wed | 1-4:30p
Ages birth to 5 years



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Play Together @ the Library!

Family Place:

1-2-3

Play With Me!

It's for children through age 4 with parents or guardians!

You bring the child... we'll provide the toys.
It's Fun! It's Free!

Capitol Hill Library (634-6308)
 Wednesdays at 9:30am
 Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23

Belle Isle Library (843-9601)
 Mondays at 6:30pm
 Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28

Bethany Library (789-8363)
 Thursdays at 9:30am and 10:30am
 Feb. 17, 24, March 3, 10



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Children Reading to Dogs Feb 10 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p Ages 6 years and older



Children will practice their reading skills while having fun with loveable dogs and their owners. All dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams by a national canine therapy organization. Please pre-register.

Last Minute Valentine Crafts Feb 12 | Sat | 2-4p Adults

Join Andia Johnson as she shows you several easy Valentine Crafts to make and take for a special someone. Please sign up at 721-2616 or stop by the Information desk at Warr Acres Library. Class size is limited.

Warr Acres Book Club Feb 14 | Mon | 11a-Noon Adults

The Warr Acres Library Book Club meets

the second Monday of each month. On Valentine's Day, we will discuss *Dream When You're Feeling Blue* by Elizabeth Berg. It is a nostalgic love story set in World War II.

Anime Drawing Feb 17 | Thur | 7-8p Ages 12-17



Teens

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.

LEGO Club @ Your Library Feb 19 | Sat | 2:30-3:30p Ages 6-11

Young LEGO builders are invited to build with us. LEGO bricks are provided. Bring your team spirit. Sign up at the Information Desk.

Pajama Story Time for Preschoolers Feb 22 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p Ages 2 1/2 -6 years



The Gingerbread Boy invites you and your preschooler for a stories, snacks and fun activities with Miss Alma and her puppet. Please call to pre-register and let us know of your child's eating limitations. Children may wear their pajamas.

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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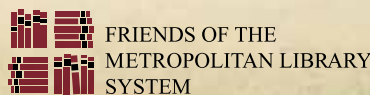


Powerful stories of Okmulgee's Colored Hospital, "Bullet Joe" Rogan's no wind up baseball pitches and the foiled bank robbery of Pretty Boy Floyd's boys.

Wednesday, Feb. 2, 6:30pm	The Village Library
Saturday, Feb. 5, 2:30pm	Warr Acres Library
Monday, Feb. 7, 1pm	Capitol Hill Library
Saturday, Feb. 12, 2pm	Belle Isle Library
Tuesday, Feb. 15, 6:30pm	Del City Library

(performance at Del City High School Auditorium,
1900 S. Sunnylane Road)

Thursday, Feb. 17, 6:30pm	Midwest City Library
Saturday, Feb. 19, 2pm	Bethany Library
Sunday, Feb. 20, 2pm	Downtown Library
Monday, Feb. 21, 6pm	Choctaw Library
Tuesday, Feb. 22, 7pm	Edmond Library
Thursday, Feb. 24, 6:30pm	Ralph Ellison Library
Saturday, Feb. 26, 2pm	Southern Oaks Library



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Off the Beaten Path

... Discovering New Literary Treasures

Getting tired of a constant diet of best sellers and book club hype? Want to take a look at what librarians read? Here are two favorite books as selected by MLS staff.

Brophy, Alfred L. *Reconstructing the Dreamland: The Tulsa Riot of 1921: Race, Reparations, and Reconciliation*.
976.686/B8739r

How was the "Black Wall Street" in Tulsa reduced to ruin in 1921? Perhaps more significantly, why? Once the riot got started, author Brophy suggests that the violent reaction to it was sanctioned by the city's government and the Tulsa community of Greenwood never had a chance of survival. It's a sad moment in Oklahoma history that only began to emerge from the shadows 80 years after the fact.

Flamming, Douglas. *African Americans in the West*.
978.00496/F581a

You'd never know it by watching old western movies, but African Americans played a significant role in settling the American west. From escaped and liberated slaves to cowboys and Buffalo Soldiers, blacks in the trans-Mississippi west did everything their white counterparts did. This book looks at their roles using 1815 as a starting point and moving through the turbulence of the 1960s and '70s.



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*WRIGHT 2101 Exchange, OKC, 235-5035	—	10-5:30	10-5:30	10-5:30	10-3	10-3	—

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