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## New *info*

Well, here it is at last. We polled you, our readers, almost a year ago and we've spent the last several months analyzing the results and determining which features in our magazine and monthly calendar you liked best so we could combine the two publications into one. We introduced that format in 2006, tweaked it by adding a little here and removing a little there, and finally bringing forth the new publication you hold in your hands.

But this premiere issue of *info* is still not a completely finished product. We'll continue to fine tune as you tell us what parts you like best. Let us know what you want *info* to be, and we'll see what we can do about it.

Keep us informed and we'll return the favor.

And thanks for taking a look.

The Editors





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Amanda Robinson, frequent customer of our Southern Oaks Library, uses the catalog on [www.metrolibrary.org](http://www.metrolibrary.org) for her favorite books. Visit our website today and have your book delivered to the local MLS library near you.



# Oklahoma Images





# THE OLD, OIL STORY

It Wasn't Just Oklahoma's Capital City That Got Moved

By Larry Johnson

One of the more common trivia questions you'll hear about Oklahoma is, "What is the only state capital with a working oil derrick on its grounds?" Looking at this forest of derricks from the 1930s, it's hard to imagine they almost weren't there – or rather that the building wasn't.

In the summer of 1910, Oklahoma voters selected Oklahoma City as the new capital. Entrepreneur Israel M. Putnam platted a development on a huge tract of land which he intended to give along with cash to the state if it would build the capitol there. He planned on making his money back by selling residential lots in the area. In August, Governor Charles Haskell accepted the Capitol Commission's recommendation for Putnam's land as the site for the building, which would be designed by the architectural firm Layton-Wemyss-Smith.

The capitol building was at the heart of Putnam's plan. He placed it at what is today NW 40th and Ann Arbor. In Putnam's original plat today's NW 39th was called Putnam City Boulevard. It was a very wide tree-lined boulevard with streetcar tracks running down the middle. A large forested park, named Putnam City Grove, ran from

NW 34th to NW 39th between today's Ann Arbor and Grove Ave. The residential section was designed with parks and plazas interspersed and the streets were named for prominent Oklahomans.

That summer and fall of 1910, engineers and laborers began to excavate and lay utility lines in the area for the capitol. By November, other forces were at work in the legislature. Some sharp-eyed legal eagle brought up the fact that the ballot which named Oklahoma City the capital was not worded properly and the courts decided that the election, therefore, was invalid. This immediately caused a ripple effect in state government. If the election was not valid, then the Capitol Commission was not valid and thus Putnam City was not the site of the new capitol.

The legislature quickly convened and, already knowing the will of the people, named Oklahoma City the state capital. But a new Capitol Commission decided that a site at NE 23rd and Lincoln proposed by J. J. Culbertson, William Harn and E. K. Gaylord was more desirable because it was a seven minute ride on the streetcar to downtown as opposed to a twenty minute ride from Putnam City. That was the stated

reason. It probably didn't hurt that the Culbertson-Harn package offered more land and included mineral rights. And that's how, in one of the great ironies of state history, mass transit was the deciding factor in placing the state capitol on one of the biggest pools of oil in North America.

Putnam went back to the drawing board and after noting that there were several small schools near his land he got an idea. What if those schools were consolidated and he could sell housing lots nearby to the parents of the schoolchildren? He knew just the place – and today Putnam City School District's administration building sits where the Oklahoma State Capitol was supposed to be built.

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# Reviews & Recommendations



## The Gospel According to the Beatles

By Steve Turner

Their songs did bring us good tidings: hope, peace, freedom, wonder, and love. The music transcended our previous experiences. The lyrics spoke to us directly. Right or wrong, fans pored over early albums for meaning, and the Beatles accommodated them with *Sgt. Pepper*, the first ever pop album transcribed on the sleeve, giving the lyrics the weight of “sacred” text. *Let It Be* supplied my mantra, “and when the night is cloudy, there is still a light that shines on me.”

*The Gospel According to the Beatles* could have been all about the lyrics, but maybe that’s a book we could have written ourselves. Turner’s previous book, *A Hard Day’s Write: The Stories Behind Every Beatles’ Song*, showed he has the expertise. Instead, his new book is the spiritual biography of four mere mortals. Their dalliance with the Maharishi, George’s vocal adherence to Eastern religions, and John’s “more popular than Jesus” claim are all common knowledge. But Turner tells much that we didn’t know.

John’s journey is the most convoluted, from Gnosticism to adamant atheist, slave to numerology and astrology, to born again Christianity and a correspondence with Oral Roberts. Paul, tactful and cautious peacemaker, was blatantly outspoken in his anti-racist rhetoric and fairly unwavering in his agnosticism, regretting his lack of time for intellectual pursuits, “It annoys me that so many million books came out last year and I only read twenty of them.” And Ringo turned toward the Twelve Steps and a higher power.

Turner compares their mind-altering drug experiments with William James’ four marks of mysticism in *Varieties of Religious Experience*: ineffability, poetic quality, transience, and passivity to a superior power. But there were always those who missed the message entirely, epitomized by Charles Manson’s “Helter Skelter” rampage and Mark David Chapman’s ultimate revenge for “Imagine.”

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Reviewed by Marilyn Backus

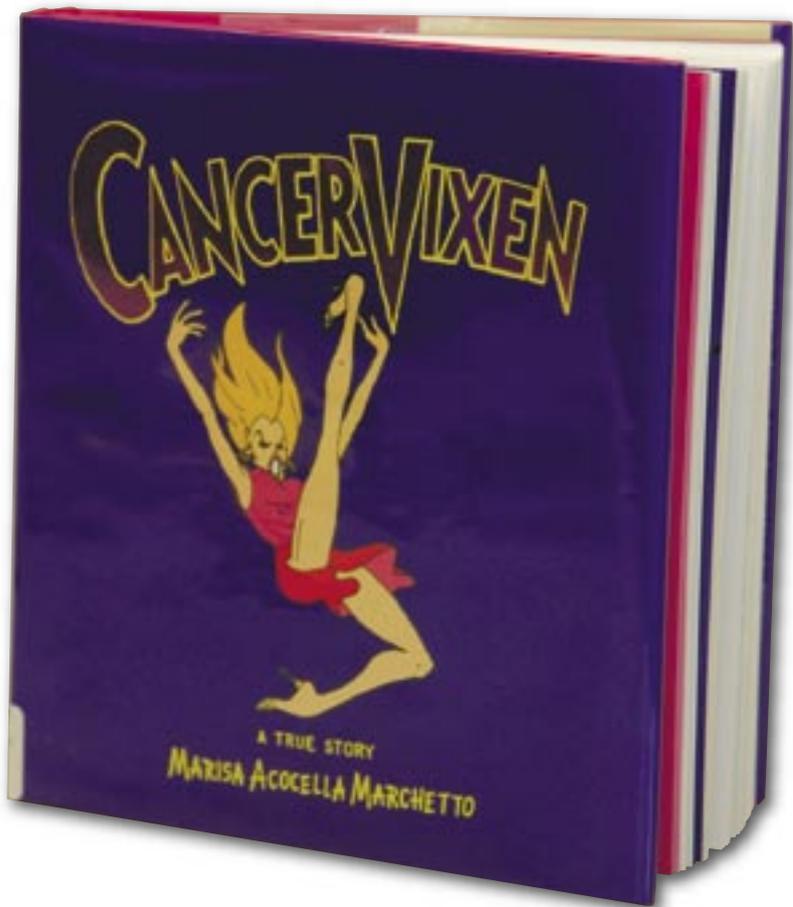
According to Turner, and Ringo, the Beatles were proud that their basic message was “love.”

“And in the end the love you take is equal to the love you make.” --Paul

“The Word is Love.” -- John

“Love” is the Word, too, according to George Martin and his son Niles in their new soundtrack of the Cirque du Soleil’s popular Vegas show. The Beatles “Love” CD is all Beatles, but backwards and forwards, a cappella and layered instrumentals, remixed and glorious. Not a hymn, but an anthem.

*Marilyn Backus has worked for the Metropolitan Library System for almost 20 years. She currently works in the Materials Selection department and selects many of the great non-fiction titles and features films that you can check out at the library.*



A graphic novel is a self-contained work written in comic-book format, usually with lengthy and complex storylines, and often aimed at mature audiences.

### Cancer Vixen

By Marisa Acocella Marchetto

### The 9/11 Report: A Graphic Adaptation

By Sid Jacobson and Ernie Colón

Okay, I'm going to go out on a political limb here and just say it. Every American should consider it his or her duty to read the *9-11 Commission Report*, as compiled and conducted by the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States (NCTAUS). Weighing in at nearly 600 pages, however, I can see why some of my busy countrymen might find it hard to get through. But help is on the way!

*The 9-11 Report*, at a little over 100 pages, is a graphic novel rendering of the behemoth, breaking down the commission's findings into chunks of digestible material with the goal of making the information available to the public in a reader-friendly way. Jacobson and Colon, according to the foreword, kept a "close adherence to the findings, recommendations, spirit and tone" of the original report.

This is not a comic book. It's not particularly fun to read, nor is it going to win any prizes for creativity or clever artistic design. Still, any American who is halfway curious about the events leading up to September 11<sup>th</sup>

will learn something from picking it up. It might even serve as a gateway to reading the real thing.

Another recent graphic novel that deals with a serious subject is Marisa Acocella Marchetto's *Cancer Vixen*. Although I wouldn't say it's light reading, *Cancer Vixen* was a surprisingly enjoyable graphic novel, despite the serious subject matter. Marchetto is a cartoonist for "The New Yorker" and "Glamour," and she's got a wry sense of humor and a knack for capturing awkward, difficult, or downright unpleasant circumstances. I laughed out loud at some of the situations she encountered during her bout with breast cancer: the rival cartoon girl and other hotties, the sour grapevine, her "(s)Mother", the nightmare of insurance (or lack thereof). I actually got nauseous reading about Marchetto's first chemotherapy treatment. In the end, I came to admire her wit, courage, and spirit, and I learned something about what it means to have breast cancer in the process.

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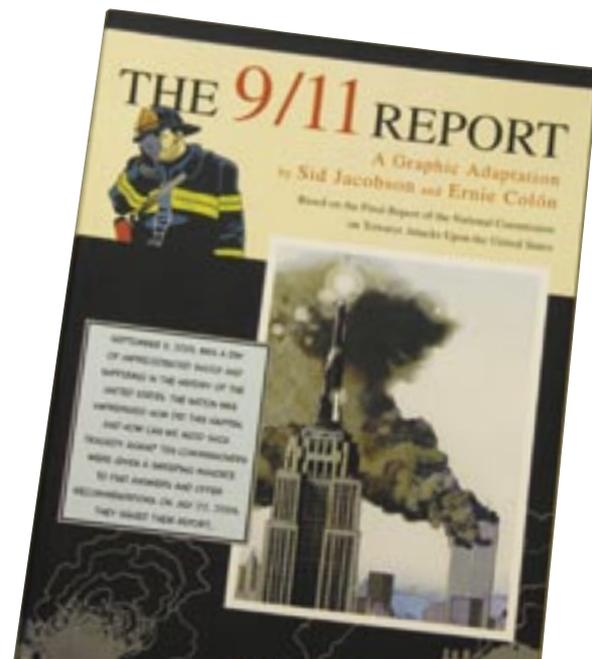
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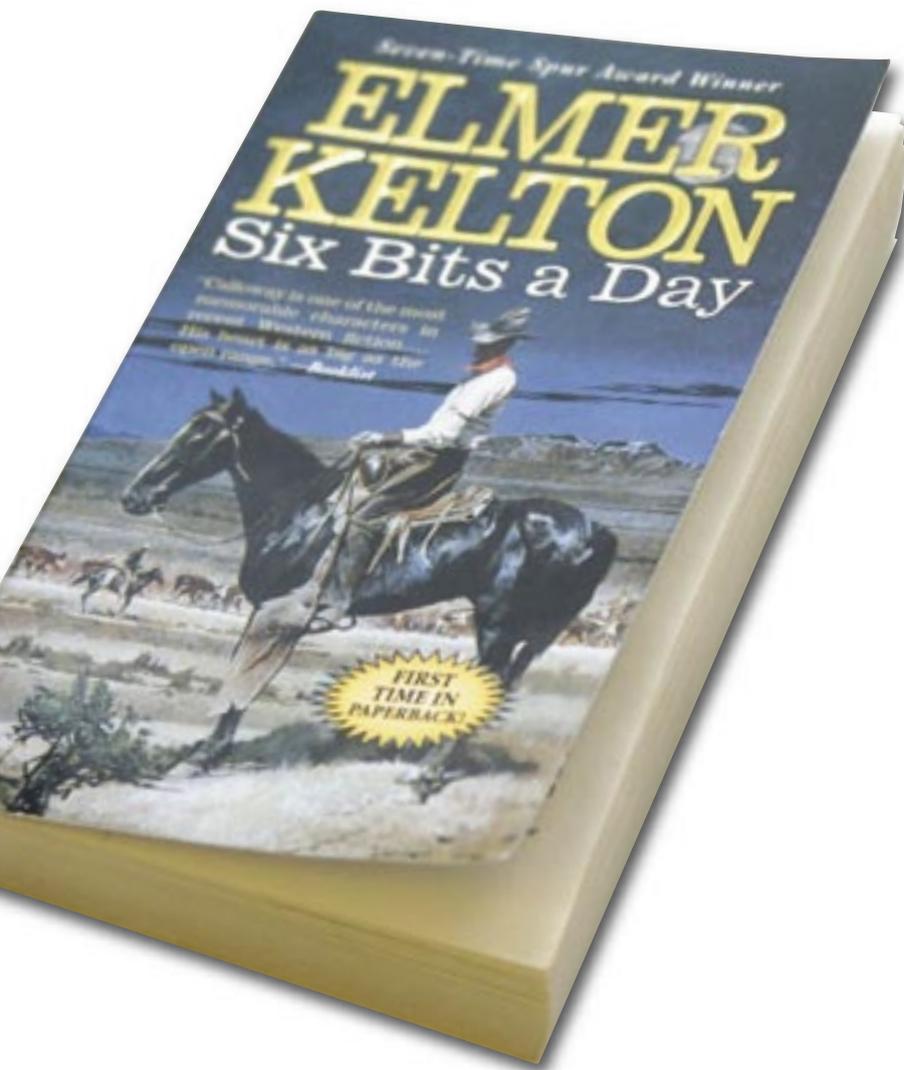
Reviewed by Jana Hausburg

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## Related Readings

*Cowboy's Life on a Cattle Drive*

Bailey, Jack. *A Texas Cowboy's Journal Up the Trail to Kansas in 1868*, Ed. by David Dary; transcribed by Charles E. Rand; foreword by Charles P. Schroeder. 976.406/B1548t

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Stanley, Jerry. *Cowboys & Longhorns*. J978.02/ST788c

*The Story of Oklahoma: Cattle Drives* [videorecording]. 976.604/ST887cd/VIDEO/RECORDING

### Six Bits a Day

By Elmer Kelton

Elmer Kelton lives in west Texas and for that alone he deserves some degree of respect. I used to live in west Texas. The Garden of Eden, it isn't. But Kelton's also won seven Spur Awards from the Western Writers of America and he is the man voted by that society of professional scribes as the greatest writer of Westerns *ever*.

His newest book in paperback is the 2005 novel *Six Bits a Day*, a reference to the amount of money paid as wages to Texas cowhands in the late 1880s. As boss man C.C. Tarpley never tires of reminding his hirelings, "I'll raise you someday when you're a cowboy."

The novel is a prequel to one of Kelton's most popular books, *Good Old Boys*, published in 1978. That one introduced us to Hewey Calloway, an easy-going waddy whose great ambition in life is to have no ambition whatsoever. A sequel followed 20 years later (*Smiling Country*), set in 1910 when the Old West was fast becoming a bittersweet memory.

*Six Bits* follows Hewey and his kid brother Walter as they leave their family to roam west and see the elephant. They fall in with a pair of drovers who turn out to be rustlers and who abandon the brothers to the mercies of the cattle's real owner. Not without difficulty, Hewey convinces old man Tarpley that he and Walter are innocent, and the rancher offers them jobs.

Hewey helps a Texas Ranger named Tanner capture one of the cow thieves and all seems to be going well when the rustler busts Tanner over the head and decides to chase the horizon. Months later, word gets around that the thief has returned, so Tarpley, to keep Hewey out of trouble, sends him to San Antonio to drive home a small herd. Hewey, to keep Walter away from a not-unattractive waitress with whom he's smitten, forces his brother to accompany him.

Kelton was raised on a ranch where his father worked and he knows the ways and personalities of cowboys. His best books are not driven by gun violence and vengeance

— few of the cowboys in *Six Bits* even own pistols, and the ones who do leave them in a saddlebag. This novel, like its protagonist, is laid-back.

If the Old West had really been just the way it's usually pictured – wild and woolly – we'd still be interested in it, but we hope it was actually as Kelton tells it. We can still thrill to Billy the Kid and the Dalton Gang, but Kelton's low-key cowboys are the fellas it'll do to ride with.

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



Reviewed by Doug Bentin

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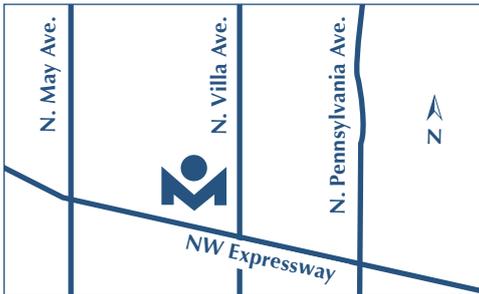
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### Belle Isle Library

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

#### HOURS

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



### Developmental Screenings

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

Ages 1 month-5 years

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



### How to Take Your Toddler Out-Without Meltdowns

18 | Thur | 5-6p

Adults

The focus is on typical toddler development of children 1-3 years. What to expect and how to manage during these exciting years will be shared. Facilitated by Katherine Broekhuysen.



Call 425-4412 to register. OKC/County Health Dept.

### Philharmonic Children's Program

21 | Sun | 2-3p

Age 3 - older

The Oklahoma City Philharmonic and Oklahoma City Orchestra League have had music composed for specific children's books. The performance includes these stories and a talk with the audience. There will be brass, woodwind, and percussion musical instruments for the children to experience playing.



### Winter Snow

23 | Tue | 10-10:45a

Pre-Kindergarten

Hear stories about winter snow. Playtime will follow in the children's room. Pre-register at the Reference Desk or call 843-9601.



### Getting Ready for College:

Questions and Answers

23 | Tue | 7-8p

Teens and Older

Are you planning on attending college? Whether you're a teen still in high school or an adult planning to go back to school, you may have questions about the process. Lisa Kerr, an academic advisor from Rose State College, will discuss everything from the application process, available scholarships and financial aid, requirements for degrees, and preparing for college. Sign up at the Reference Desk.



### AARP Tax Assistance

28 | Sun | 1-4p

Adults

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will provide free Federal and State income tax preparation every Saturday and Sunday beginning January 28th and ending February 25th. Bring a copy of last year's return, your 2006 W-2 income forms, & information about your deductions. No appointments taken, first come first served. Co-Sponsor: AARP.

### Metro OKC Knit Guild Group

28 | Sun | 3-5p

Teens & Older

The Metro OKC Knit Guild group meets at Belle Isle Library. Everyone—any knitter or a person who's never knitted, but would like to learn—is welcome. Each monthly program includes a lesson of a new knitting technique and examples of charity knitting projects. For questions about the group, e-mail the guild at metrookcknitguild@cox.net. or call 812-4770.

### Bethany Library

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

#### HOURS

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



**Winter Story Time**

18 & 25 | **Thur** | 10-10:45a  
Ages 3-6



Enjoy stories, songs, nursery rhymes and a fun craft. Each child will receive a small flannel board to keep and can use it to tell stories at home. Pre-register beginning Dec. 21 at the Information Desk, or call 789-8363, ext. 3231.

**Developmental Screening**

19 | **Fri** | 9a-4p  
Ages 1 Month-5 Years  
with Parent



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

**T-Shirt Surgery**

20 | **Sat** | 2-3p  
Ages 11-19



Ever have the urge to slash up your wardrobe with a pair of scissors? Want to make a fashion statement without attracting the attention of the fashion police? Join artist Kiona Wooton-Millirons in this interactive workshop on t-shirt surgery. Bring an old oversized t-shirt to transform. Pre-register at the Information Desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3231.

for films, puppet shows, or just for fun. All materials will be supplied. Call 634-6308 to pre-register or for more information.

**After School Cool**

16,23,30 | **Tue** | 4-5p  
Ages 11-16



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

**The Tatting Group**

16 | **Tue** | 6-7:30p  
Adults



Whether you are a beginner or an advanced tatter, The Tatting Group invites you to join them. The shuttle & thread can be purchased from the group, or you may bring your own materials to work with. Instruction will be provided for those who need help tatting. The Tatting Group meets every third Tuesday of the month.

**Capitol Hill Advisory of Teens**

25 | **Thur** | 6-7p  
Ages 12-18



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

**Making Leatherwork**

27 | **Sat** | 2-3p  
Adults

Artist Dora Obuobisa will demonstrate the process of how leatherwork items are made. Pre-register at 634-6308.

Americans were concentrated into smaller and smaller sections of the nation's heartland. This exhibit consists of 11 double-sided, freestanding panels chronicling the story of Oklahoma's Native Americans from the ancient times of the "Moundbuilders" to present day. This is an Oklahoma Centennial Commemoration Commission Project. Co-Sponsors: National Endowment for the Humanities, Oklahoma Humanities Council, Oklahoma History Center, Omniplex, & Sonic-America's Drive-in.

**Lapsit for Babies**

2,9,16,23,30 | **Tue** | 9:30-10a  
Ages 6 months-3 years



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

**Preschool Story Time**

2,9,16,23,30 | **Tue** | 10:30-11a  
Ages 3-5 years



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

**Teen Game Night**

4 | **Thur** | 6-7:30p  
Grades 7-12



Grab your friends and come to the library. We will have Dance Dance Revolution set up along with a few other games. Register at the Reference Desk or call 390-8418.

**Beginning**

**Conversational Spanish**  
8,22,29 | **Mon** | 4-5p  
Teens and Adults



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

**Intermediate & Advanced**

**Conversational Spanish**  
8,22,29 | **Mon** | 5-6p  
Teens and Adults



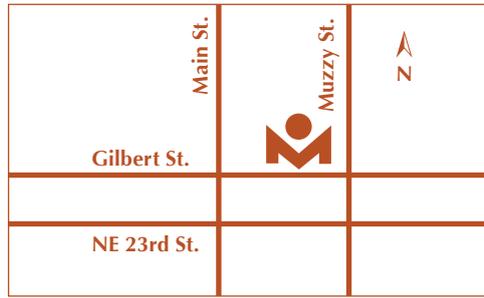
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**Capitol Hill Library**  
334 SW 26th St., OKC  
(405) 634-6308

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

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

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



**Making Monster Puppets**

4 | **Thur** | 5:30-7p  
Ages 12-16



Puppet Master James Caine will teach students the fine art of creating monster puppets

**Exhibit: First Americans, First Oklahomans: Indian Peoples**  
2-25 | **Library Hours**



Beginning in the early 1800's, Native

classes are made possible by a grant from the Choctaw Library Guild.

### Tai Chi

**10,17,24,31 | Wed | 6:30-7:30p**

#### Teens and Adults

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

### Teen Advisory Board

**11 | Thur | 6-7p**

#### Grades 7-12

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) will be meeting on the second Tuesday of every month to discuss books, brainstorm and plan for teen programs, and have fun. There are lots of possibilities.



### Family Place

**13 | Sat | 10-11a**

#### 6 mos. to 5 years old with parent

On the second Saturday of every month the Choctaw Library provides great toys and a space for you and your child to play together. Sharing playtime with your child helps promote learning and development. Come and join the fun! Call 390-8418 to register.



### Story Craft Book Club

**13 | Sat | 2-3p**

#### Grades 1-3

We will meet every second Saturday of the month to read and discuss a book. We will follow this with a related craft or activity. Call 390-8418 to pre-register.



### CLG: My Favorite Book Quilt Project

**16,18,23,25,30 | Tue & Thur | 10a-Noon**  
**Adults**

Members of the Choctaw Library Guild are inviting interested persons to gather with them for hand-quilting sessions to complete the Choctaw Library Guild My Favorite Book Quilt Project. This project is a fund-raising event to support the Choctaw Library. HCE Group 3E's will provide materials and tools for the quilting sessions. Bring your favorite thimble, scissors and needles. Beginners will be provided instructions.

Call Sylvia Bayless (769-4862) or Janet Amicon (769-7593) to sign up. Co-Sponsors: Choctaw Library Guild and HCE Group 3E's.

### GED @ the Library

**23,25,30 | Tue & Thur**

#### Noon-2p

#### Ages 16 & Older

Students are invited to attend free GED classes on Tuesdays and Thursday at the Choctaw Library. Review English, social studies and math skills in preparation for the GED test. Materials are provided. Please call 739-1783 to pre-enroll. Co-Sponsors: Eastern Oklahoma County Technology Center and Mid-Del Adult Learning Center.



### Telling A Story: Basics in Story Presentation

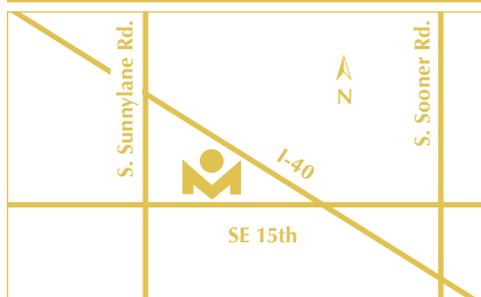
**27 | Sat | 10a-Noon**

#### Adults

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

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

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



### PreSchool Aerobics and Story Time

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

#### Ages 1-5

Join the fun! Movement, juice, & stories!



### Health Screening for Preschoolers

**8 | Mon | 9a-3:30p**

#### Ages 1 month-5 years

Health screenings are offered to pre-school children. Parents are encouraged to bring questions to ask professionals in the area of child development, behavioral health, and speech



pathology. Each child must be accompanied by a parent and/or legal guardian. These free screenings are by appointment only and take approximately 1 hour. Call 425-4412 to make the appointment. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Department.

### Snowflake Story Time

**10 | Wed | 10-10:30p**

#### Ages 1-5

Celebrate winter with stories & fun activities!



### Basic Computer Training

**16 & 23 | Tues | 6:30-7:30p**

**26 | Fri | 2-3**

#### All Ages

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



### Play Time

**18 | Thur | 10-11a**

#### Ages 6 months-3 years

Young children and their parents/caregivers are invited to play at the library! Guest is Rae Kirkman from the Mid-Del Schools' Parents as Teachers program.



### Beauty School

**18 | Thur | 6-7p**

#### Teens 13-18

Am I beautiful? What is beauty? How do I take care of my skin? What is makeup? Do I need any? These are some of the questions Simona Long will help answer for you. If you want to know the secrets of beauty, come!



### Celebrating the Oklahoma Centennial: Native American Stories

**23 | Tues | 6:30-7:15p**

#### Ages 4-8

Evening story time celebrates Oklahoma's Centennial with stories and activities about Native Americans. Join the fun!



### Basic Computer Training

**26 | Fri | 2-3p**

#### All Ages

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**Social Security Retirement**  
30 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

**Adults**

Are you nearing retirement? Would you like to learn more about your social security retirement benefits? Attorney Catheryn Koss will be at the Del City Library to answer your questions about when to retire, penalties and benefits for retiring early or late, rules governing private retirement funds, and the rights of relatives to draw on other relatives' social security benefits. Bring your questions. Refreshments will be provided. Call 672-1377 to pre register.

**RJN 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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Park Ave.		
Reno		

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



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

**ToddlerTime**  
5,12,19,26 | Fri | 10-10:30a  
Ages 10 Months-3 1/2 Years With Adult



Join Miss Mary each week this month for a mix of stories, music, and movement. A snack is included. Call ext. 4 to register.

**France: An Adoring Perspective**  
7 | Sun | 2-3p  
Adults



Music lovers, travelers, arm-chair travelers, geography and history buffs and everyone else are invited to the Downtown

Library for a visit to France with music by Kyle Dillingham. See beautiful photos taken by the Friendship Force International Friendship ambassadors and hear stories of international friendships formed through Friendship Force International, an organization created by President Carter to help build international goodwill. Reception following. Fourth Floor, 46th Star Auditorium. Co-Sponsor: Friendship Force International.

**E-Mail Basics**  
10 | Wed | 3-4p  
Adults



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

**Wayne McEvilly Piano Concert**  
14 | Sun | 2-3p  
All Ages



Wayne McEvilly, renowned pianist, will perform a "Birthday Tribute to Beethoven." Seating will begin at 1:30 and everyone, including children, is invited to experience this beautiful classical music in a comfortable and relaxed concert. Held on the Fourth Floor, 46th Star Auditorium.

**Basic Internet Searching**  
18 | Thur | 10-11a  
Adults



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

**Innovation Celebration**  
21 | Sun | 2-3p  
Kindergarten - Up



Come to the Downtown Library and create something out of nothing during our celebration of Innovative Ideas Month. We'll provide materials and found objects, and you'll supply the imagination to create your own wonderfully innovative gadget, gizmo or dealie-bob. Call 231-8650, ext. 4 to register.

**Basic Instruction for Beginning Computer Users**  
23 | Tues | 1-2:30p  
Adults



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

**Explore the Middle Kingdom: China**  
23 & 30 | Tues | 6-8p  
Adults



Ashlie Coakley, cultural consultant, will lead a two evening seminar Jan. 23 and Jan 30 for business people, students, tourists and anyone interested who plans to visit China or would like to learn more about that culture. Ms. Coakley has an extensive background in Asian Studies, speaks Mandarin, and has lived and worked in China. Session 1: A Glimpse of China: Old and New.

Session 2: Policies and Practices of Modern China. Register at 606-3879. For further information call 606-3878. Held on the fourth floor, 46th Star Auditorium.

**Movie Night at the Downtown Library**  
24 | Wed | 6-8p  
Ages 13 & Older



Join us for a free showing of the PG-13 rated film *The Day After Tomorrow*. After years of unabated global warming, the greenhouse effect is wreaking havoc all over the globe in the form of catastrophic hurricanes, tornadoes, tidal waves, floods, and, most ominously, the beginning of the next Ice Age. Stars Dennis Quaid and Jake Gyllenhaal. Please register at the Information Desk on the 1st floor or call 606-3879.

**Developmental Screenings**  
25 | Thur | 9a-4p  
1 month-5 years with parent or guardian



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



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| Edmond Library       | The Village Library   |
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| Luther Library       |                       |

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# Mr. Ambassador

Warrior For Peace | Dr. Edward Perkins

Sunday, January 28 | 2-3p | RJN Downtown Library, Fourth Floor, 46th Star Auditorium | Free Admission

At age 60, he was chosen as the American ambassador to South Africa. Already having served a lengthy career as a diplomat in Ghana and Liberia, among other foreign service appointments, Edward Perkins was asked by President Reagan in 1987 to go to South Africa and “dismantle apartheid without violence.”

In an interview with National Public Radio in October, Perkins said he was advised by then Secretary of State Shultz not to discuss the controversial appointment with anyone except his wife. Not convinced he should take the appointment, Perkins said, “My wife was the one who said ‘You took an oath of office to go where needed when needed,’” Perkins says. “So how can you say anything but, ‘yes, I’ll go?’”

### Excerpt from Mr. Ambassador, Warrior For Peace:

*My first order of business was to present my credentials to the president of South Africa. Until this protocol was recognized, my activities were limited. It was rumored that President Botha would keep me waiting for two or three months before receiving my credentials, but someone talked him out of it. Within a day of my arrival, I was invited to take my credentials to the foreign minister, which is procedure. He also invited news reporters and television cameras to publicize his reception of the black ambassador. A week later, I was asked to present my credentials to the president. The ceremony was lavish and formal.*

### Mr. Ambassador, Warrior For Peace 28 | Sun | 2-3p Adults



Dr. Edward J. Perkins, author of *Mr. Ambassador, Warrior for Peace*, conveys what sophisticated and effective diplomacy is all about. A remarkable journey that should inspire, inform and influence everyone. He tells the story of his life and how he fulfilled his assignment from President Reagan to “dismantle apartheid without violence” in South Africa. Everyone is invited to hear this remarkable person. Held on the fourth floor, 46th Star Auditorium. Reception following in the Friends Event Room. Co-Sponsor: University of Oklahoma.

### Teen Advisory Board 30 | Tues | 6:30-7:30p Ages 11-18



Start off the New Year by joining the Downtown Teen Advisory Board. Let your voice be heard by suggesting materials for the library to purchase as well as brainstorming ideas for teen programs. Snacks are provided and craft ideas might be tried out. There are 3 ways to join the Downtown Library Teen Advisory Board, just pick up an application

at the 1st floor Reference Desk, show up at a meeting on the last Tuesday of every month or call Kimberly Ann Edwards at 606-3876.

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

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

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

### Lapsit Play and Story Time 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | Tues | 9:30-10:15a & 10:30-11:15a Ages Infants-35 months



Participate in our popular program for infants and toddlers. Be with your child for one-half hour play time with toys in our story time room. This is followed by a 15-minute

circle time emphasizing language, songs and books and functioning in a group.

### 55+ Coffee Break 3,10,17,24,31 | Wed | 9:30-11a Seniors

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

### Computer Instruction with Jonathan 3,10,17,24,31 | Wed | 1-5p Ages 18 & Older



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

### Computer Instruction with Dave

3,10,17,24,31 | Wed | 7-8p  
Ages 18 & Older



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

### FIDO-Finding Individual Development Out-loud

4,11,18,25 | Thur | 6-7:30p  
For Children who can read



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

### Comedy Commandos Introductory

4,18 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p  
Teens



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

### Comedy Commandos Advanced

4,18 | Thur | 7:30-8:30p  
Teens



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

### Stamp Club

6,20 | Sat | 10a-Noon  
Grade 4-Up

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

### Origami 101

6 | Sat | 2-3p  
Adults & Teens



Jason Hunter, who has both an extensive art background and degrees in Asian Studies, will present this introductory program about origami—the Japanese art of folding paper. No prior knowledge is required. Free.

### Farsi

7,14,21,28  
Sun | 1:30-2:30p  
Adults & Teens



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

### Parachute Play

8 | Mon | 9:30-10a  
Ages 3-6 with Parents



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

### Story Time

8,22,29 | Mon | 10-10:30a  
Ages 3-6



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

### Autism Support Group

8 | Mon | 7-9p  
Adults

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

### Music With Susan

12,26 | Fri | 9:30-10a  
12,26 | Fri | 10:15-10:45a  
Ages 2-3



Join Susan for musical fun & activities selected just for this age group. Registration begins Jan. 2 for the Jan. 12 session, & Jan. 15 for the Jan. 26 session. Call 341-9282, ext. 4.

### Music With Susan

12,26 | Fri | 11-11:30a  
Ages 4-5



Join Susan for musical fun & activities selected just for this age group. Registration begins Jan. 2 for the Jan. 12 session, & Jan. 15 for the Jan. 26 session. Call 341-9282, ext. 4.

### Readers' Choice Book Discussion Group

13 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon  
Seniors

The Readers' Choice Book Discussion group meets once a month at the Edmond Library. The title for this month is *Stone Heart* by Luanne Rice. Please call 341-9282 to register after December 9. (Limited to 15.)

### Edmond Library Book Bunch Discussion Group

13 | Sat | 2-3:30p  
Seniors

The Edmond Book Bunch meets once a month at the Edmond Library. Please call 341-9282 to register after December 11. (Limited to 15.)

### Tai Chi with Mickey Sherman

16,18,23,25,30 | Tue & Thur | 9:30-10:30a  
Seniors

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

### Edmond Library Teen Advisory Board

16 | Tue | 4-5p  
Teens



The teen group plans and implements programs for teens in the community. New members welcome. Next event is in February. Call 341-9282 for more info ask for Ronna.

### Shirley Wilson's Art Journals

17 | Wed | 10-11a  
All Ages



Artist Shirley Wilson will instruct this workshop in collage artwork. This is the fourth in a year long series of 6 classes, held every other month. Come at 9:30 a.m. for Coffee Break before the class begins at 10:00 a.m.

**Teaching Children to be More Cooperative**  
**17 | Wed | 2:30-4p**  
**For Parents/ Child Care Givers**



Sometimes being a parent isn't easy. How will you know if you should punish, discipline or ignore unwanted behaviors? How will you know when to praise your child and how much is enough praise? Come and learn the positive guidance techniques, used by experts, to teach your child how to cooperate better. All workshops are for parents, grandparents and child care providers of children birth to 6 years. Child care is not provided – adults only, please. Call 425-4412 to pre-register. Co-Sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Dept.

**Winnie the Pooh Story Time with Angela**  
**20 | Sat | 10:30-11:15a**  
**Ages 4-6**



Celebrate "Winnie the Pooh Day" at the library. Miss Angela will read a Winnie the Pooh story and lead you through a related activity. (If you have a teddy, bring it along if you want.) Pre-register starting Jan. 2.

**Science Fiction & Fantasy for Adults**  
**20 | Sat | 2-3p**  
**Adults**

Share your enjoyment of Science Fiction and Fantasy books in this discussion group. Books will be available as reserves through the library. Call for this week's selection at least one week in advance.

**English as a Second Language**  
**22,24,29,31**  
**Mon & Wed | 1-4p**  
**Adults**



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

**ESL/Citizenship**  
**22,24,29,31 | Mon & Wed**  
**5:30-8:30p Adults**



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

**GED**  
**23,25,30 | Tues & Thur**  
**5:30-8:30p**  
**Adults**



In this GED class, review Math, English, and Social Studies to prepare for the GED test. Class and materials are free. Sign up with instructor on the first day you attend class. Must be at least 18 to attend. Questions? Call Mid-Del at 739-1783. Co-Sponsor: Mid-Del Adult Learning Center.

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

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

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



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

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



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

Andy Bowen at the Edmond Sun, 340-7355. Co-Sponsor: Edmond Sun.

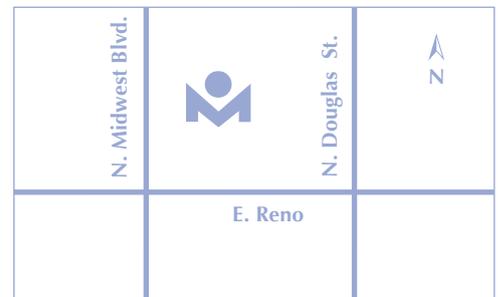
**Midwest City Library**

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

**HOURS**

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

Sat: 9-5  
 Sun: 1-6



**"We Know We Belong to the Land - 100 Years of Oklahoma and the Congress"**



**1-31 | Library Hours**  
**All Ages**

The Midwest City Public Library will host the traveling exhibit "We Know We Belong to the Land - 100 Years of Oklahoma and the Congress" throughout the month of January. Created in conjunction with Oklahoma's statehood centennial by OU's Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center with support from the Oklahoma Humanities Council, this exhibit charts important American historical and political milestones as they affected our state, such as the territorial government, both World Wars, the Great Depression, and the civil rights movement. Featured in the exhibit are photos of each Oklahoman who represented our state in Congress from the late 1800's to our current delegation, over one hundred in all.

**Mid-Del Toastmasters**  
**2,9,16,23,30 | Tue | 6-8p**  
**Adults 18-Older**

If you are like most people, public speaking is not your favorite pastime. Surveys show that presentation skills are crucial to success in the work place. People pay thousands of dollars for seminars to gain the skill & confidence necessary to face an audience. Toastmasters International provides a way to practice & hone the communication & leadership skills of its members.

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To learn more or to register, contact Jackie Wright at (405) 808-6834 or Dan O'Neil at (405) 204-7154. Co-Sponsor: Mid-Del Toastmasters.

### Preschool Story Time

3,10,17,24

Wed | 10-10:40a

Ages 3-5

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



### Chess Tournament

6 | Sat | 9:30a-4p

Ages 10-16

This is "Part II" in the 2006-2007 "Got Game?" series. Come test your chess skills and compete to earn the title of "Chess Master of Midwest City Library!" Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Register at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828.



### Community Quilting Class with Soldier Creek Quilting Group

8,22,29 | Mon

9:15a-2:30p

Adults

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



### German Language for Beginners

8,22,29

Mon | 6:30-8:30p

Adults & Teens

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



### Wills and Trusts

9 | Tue | 1-2p

Adults & Seniors

Join local attorney Catheryn Koss of the Senior Law Resource Center and learn about these binding legal documents that will protect you, your estate, and your family. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. by calling 732-4828.

### Yu-Gi-Oh! Card Game Dueling and Trading Session

10 | Wed | 4-5p

Grades 3-12

Yu-Gi-Oh! is still the rage of the land! Do YOU think YOU have what it takes to be the "King of Games" in Midwest City? If so, come duel or trade cards with other Yu-Gi-Oh! players and collectors. Participants who want to duel will be assisted in forming an impromptu tournament. Participants must bring their own cards.



### Scottish Gaelic Language

Learner's Group

10,24 | Wed | 7-8:30p

Adults and Age 10 & Older

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



### Computer Basics for

Adults & Seniors

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

Adults and Seniors

Based on the highly successful program by volunteer Delores Payne, library staff will lead these computer classes for adults & seniors who know little to nothing about using a computer but want to learn. The class will teach the basics of using a computer, printer and mouse and will introduce students to opening, storing, and writing electronic documents. Enrollment is limited to eight students per class. Please pre-register at the Information Desk or call 732-4828.



### Young Writer's Club

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

Ages 10-12

Come join this group of young aspiring writers. If you enjoy writing stories, this club is for you. Bring a story or poem you've written to share with us. We'll do some mad libs and

a writing exercise. You must sign up at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828.

### Internet Basics for Adults & Seniors

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

Adults and Seniors

Based on the highly successful program by volunteer Delores Payne, library staff will lead these computer classes for adults & seniors who know little to nothing about the Internet but want to learn. The instructor will teach basic Internet usage, Internet searches, and introduce students to email. Enrollment is limited to eight students per class. Please pre-register at the Information Desk or call 732-4828.



### Sustainable Solutions:

Calculating Your Ecological Footprint

18 | Thur | 6:30-8p

All Ages

This seventh program in this very popular and informative series will introduce the concept of an "Ecological Footprint." Come join us and learn how to calculate how you and your family's consumption affects the environment. Participants will be encouraged to compare footprints and make a list of three changes they would be willing to make in the coming year to live a more sustainable life. Space for the program is limited so please pre-register at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828.

### Speech and Behavioral Health Screenings

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

1 Month-Age 5

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



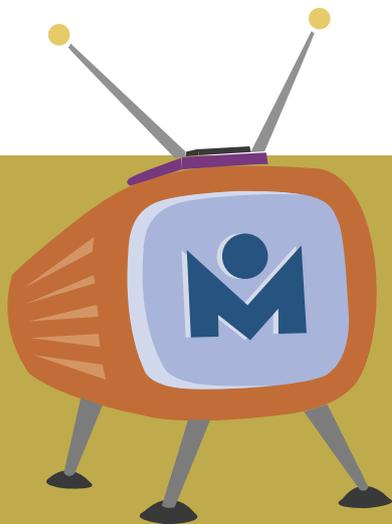
### Parent Workshop: Terrific Three's

22 | Mon | 5-6p

Parents and Caregivers of Young Children

Come join in as we discuss characteristics of the three-year-old child. We will explore the areas of language, physical, social, and emotional development. Bring your questions with you. For more information, and to register, call 425-4412. Co-Sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.





# Read About It

*Discussions with Authors & Book Reviews*

### TIMES

Mon-Fri: 9a  
Tue: 4:30p

Thur: 4:30p  
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OKLAHOMA CITY— Architecture, diplomacy, The Oklahoma City Zoo, rock painting, and The West, are subjects discussed on 'Read About It,' the cable TV show brought to you by the Metropolitan Library System. This month, hostess B.J. Williams will welcome the following guests.

**Jan. 1** John Calvin Womack, previously an architect, now a professor at the school of Architecture, Oklahoma State University, will discuss *Once Upon a Highway: Route 66 in Oklahoma*.

**Jan. 8** Edward J. Perkins, a William J. Crow professor of Geopolitics and Executive Director of the International Programs Center at the University of Oklahoma, will discuss *Mr. Ambassador: Warrior for Peace*.

**Jan. 15** Gary M. Gray, historian, writer and actor, will discuss *Mr. Presidents*.

And Lynda Stephenson, who calls Oklahoma home, but grew up in Texas, will discuss *Dancing with Elvis*.

**Jan. 22** Amy Dee Stephens, an naturalist educator and local historian for the Oklahoma City Zoo, will discuss *Oklahoma City Zoo*.

And Lin Wellford, best-selling author of numerous books, will discuss *Rock Painting Fun for Everyone!*

**Jan. 29** Patricia Loughlin, assistant professor of history and geography at the University of Central Oklahoma, will discuss *Hidden Treasures of the American West: Muriel H. Wright, Angie Debo, and Alice Marriott*.

*Guests and program schedules are subject to change without notice.*

### Internet & E-mail Tutorial 25 | Thur | 9:30-11:30a Adults



Join Librarian Rich Antonisse and learn how to sign up for a free e-mail account. Participants will also be shown useful online tutorials and will have online access during the class in order to establish their own e-mail account if they wish. Basic familiarity with computers and the Internet will let attendees make the most out of this class. All participants should have a valid Metropolitan Library System library card or qualify for visitor's access prior to the start of this program. Space for this program is limited, please register at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828.

### Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me! 29 | Mon | 10-11a Children 10 Mths.-3 1/2 Yrs.



Playing with your baby is not only important for bonding but is also an educational experience for your child. We are providing a special time and place for you to come to the library and spend one-on-one time playing with your child. A different community resource professional will be available each week to answer your parenting questions. This program is intended for children 10 months to 3 1/2 years of age and their parents/guardians. Please pre-register for this program at the Reference Desk.

### Toddler Aerobics 31 | Wed | 10-10:30a Ages 2-5



Join us for a fun, silly workout routine led by our Children's Librarian. Parents/caregivers will participate with their child. Sign up at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828.

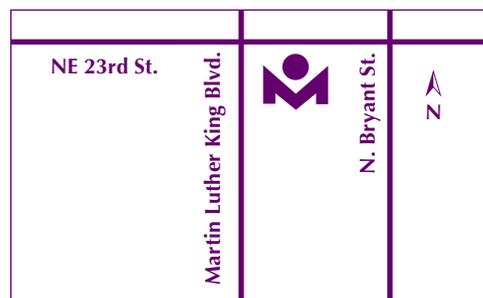
## Ralph Ellison Library

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

### HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5  
Sun: Closed



### GED Classes 2,4,9,11,16,18,23,25,30 Tue & Thur | 5-8p Adults



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

# Winter ReadFest

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**3,10,17,24,31 | Wed | 6-7p**  
**Adults**

Lose your fear of public speaking & learn skills to help you be more successful in whatever path you choose in life.

**Society of Urban Poets**  
**6 | Sat | 11a-1p**  
**Adults**

Join S.O.U.P. and have fun with poetry! We meet the first Saturday of each month to celebrate poetic expression without the use of profanity! Original poetry or not, join us. Each monthly meeting begins with an open mic session. We love new members! Come check us out!

**Math Tutoring for Students**  
**8,22,29 | Mon | 4-6p**  
**Elementary-High School**

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

**AARP Monthly Meeting**  
**18 | Thur | 10-11:30a**  
**Adults 50+**

Discussion of issues affecting Seniors 50 years and older.

**VITA Income Tax Assistance**  
**20,27 | Sat | 9a-4p**  
**Adults**

Trained volunteers will provide free basic tax help on 2006 returns. Bring a copy of last year's return, W-2 income forms, & information about deductions.

**Preschool Story Time**  
**23 | Tue | 10-10:40a**  
**Pre-kindergarten**

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



**Southern Oaks Library**  
 6900 S. Walker, OKC  
 (405) 631-4468

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



**Scarlet Kitsune Anime Club**  
**2,16,30 | Tues | 6:30-8:30p**  
**Ages 13 & Older**

The Scarlet Kitsune Anime Club will be screening popular animation from Japan. Call 631-4468 for more information. Co-Sponsor: Scarlet Kitsune Anime Club.



**Family Place:**  
**1-2-3 Play with Me!**  
**3,10,17,24 | Wed | 10-11a**  
**Children 10 Mths. - 3 1/2 Yrs.**

Playing with your baby is not only important for bonding but is also an educational experience for your child. We are providing a special time and place for you to come to the library and spend one-on-one time playing with your child. A different community resource professional will be available each week to answer your parenting questions. This program is intended for children 10 months to 3 1/2 years of age and their parents/guardians. Please pre-register for this program at the Reference Desk.



**Preschool Story Time**  
**8,22,29 | Mon | 10:30-11:15a**  
**Ages 2-6**

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



**GED @ the Library**  
**8,10,17,22,24,29,31**  
**Mon & Wed | 3:30-6p**  
**Ages 16 & Older**

Review math, social studies, English skills and reading comprehension for the GED exam. Register with the instructor on the first day you attend class. Questions? Please call the Mid-Del Adult Learning Center at 739-1783. Co-Sponsor: Mid-Del Adult Learning Center.



**Southern Oaks Book Club**  
**9 | Tue | 11:30a- 2:30p**  
**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.

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

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



**Back to School Game-A-Thon!**  
**13 | Sat | Noon-4p**  
**Teens**

Do you dream in 3D graphics? Do your palms sweat every time you see a joystick? You may have the condition commonly referred to as Consolitis: a desperate need to virtualize reality. If this is the case...we have the cure: four hours of DDR, Super Smash Brothers Melee, Mario Cart, and more? Join us anytime between noon-4 p.m. to play. Real snacks will be provided.



**Celebrate Oklahoma @ Southern Oaks**  
**16 | Tue | 1-2p**  
**Adults**

Oklahoma Reads Oklahoma is a statewide literary celebration to mark Oklahoma's Centennial. Celebrate the Oklahoma Reads Oklahoma book for 2007. Book lists of Oklahoma author's and copies of previous titles will be available. Enter the prize drawing for a free subscription to the Oklahoma Today magazine.

**SO Write: Creative Writing Club for Kids**  
**18 | Thur | 4:30-5:30p**  
**Ages 9-12**

If you enjoy writing stories, poems, or comics, this club is for you. Bring a story or poem you've written to share with us. We'll do some mad libs and a writing exercise. You must sign up at the Information Desk or by calling 631-4468.

**Book Adventure: Kids' Book Club**  
**25 | Thur | 4:30-5:30p**  
**Grades 1-3**

Join us for a Book Adventure! Meet with kids your age to discuss a great book. We will have a snack, play a game, and make a craft. Call the Southern Oaks Library to find out what book you are to read before the program. If you need help reserving a copy of the book, see a librarian. Pre-registration is required. Sign up at the Information Desk or by calling 631-4468.

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

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

N. Hefner Rd.	
Vineyard Blvd.	
N. Britton Rd.	

**Teen Advisory Board**  
**4 | Thur | 5-6p**  
**Ages 12-17**

Do you want to get involved with the library? With the Village Library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) you can share your thoughts



and ideas about books and teen programming with the young adult librarian. Pick up a TAB application at the Information Desk.

**Hats Off to Manners...**  
**1907: Dance**  
**16 | Tue | 4-5:30p**  
**Ages 8-12**



Be ready to celebrate the Oklahoma Centennial by learning some dances from 100 years ago. Historical dance classes will be taught by Stephanie Kotzum from Historic Dance OK. Learn about dress, manners, dance steps, and a bit about life as it was 100 years ago. Pre-registration begins Dec. 16. Co-Sponsor: Village Friends of the Library.

**Anime Club**  
**18 | Thur | 5-6p**  
**Ages 13-18**



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

**Tai Chi**  
**22,29 | Mon | 9-10a**  
**Adults**

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

**Book Discussion Group**  
**22 | Mon | 3-4p**  
**Adults**

Our monthly book discussion group will meet on the 4th Monday for January only. We always have a lot to say, so come join us at 3 pm on Jan. 22. Copies of this month's pick can be picked up at the Village Information Desk.

**ESL**  
**22,24,29,31 |**  
**Mon & Wed | 6-8:30p**  
**Adults**



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

**Hats Off to Manners...**  
**1907: Thank You Cards**  
**23 | Tue | 4-5:30p**  
**Ages 8-12**



Be ready to celebrate the Oklahoma Centennial by learning appropriate ways to express thanks and gratitude in 1907. Historical etiquette will be discussed, as well as what we can use today from our historical roots in expressing thanks. Supplies for making thank you cards will be available for students to use to explore their own expressions of thanks. Stephanie Kotzum from Historic Dance OK will be here to remind us of practices from history that we can learn from and use today. Pre-registration begins Dec. 16. Co-Sponsor: Village Friends of the Library.

**Got Tape?**  
**23 | Tues | 4:30-5:30p**  
**Teens**



Come and check out the many things you can make with Duct Tape! Pre-register at the Information Desk.

**Yoga for Adults**  
**25 | Thur | 1:30-2:30p**  
**Adults**

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

**Hats Off to Manners...**  
**1907: Tea is Served**  
**30 | Tue | 4-5:30p**  
**Ages 8-12**



Be ready for celebrating the Oklahoma Centennial by participating in a Tea served as they would have 100 years ago. Stephanie Kotzum from Historic Dance OK will be

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**Exhibit:**  
**We Know We Belong to the Land—**  
**100 Years of Oklahoma and the Congress**

*January 2-31 | During Library Hours*  
*Midwest City Library | Free Admission*

Oklahoma's centennial year 2007 gives us a chance to look back at this state's history. In an exhibit at the Midwest City Library, panels charting important American historical and political milestones are displayed as they affected Oklahoma, such as territorial government. No other state has a history like ours.

Did you know the first governor of the Oklahoma Territory was George W. Steele, a Civil War officer in the Union Army? Steele served from 1890 through 1891. When he came on board as Governor, a year of lawlessness preceded him in the territory. There were laws but no government to enforce them.

In January 1892 Steele said, "After bringing practical order out of chaos, the great capital seat war, of which every one has read, broke out. This caused fresh and serious trouble. Finally, however, peace and order was restored, and today the people out there are civilized and prosperous."

See how Oklahoma has been affected by the early years before statehood and other historical events including the World Wars, the Great Depression and the civil rights movement.

here in a 1907 costume to help us remember what it was like long, long, ago. Pre-registration begins Dec. 16. Co-Sponsor: Village Friends of the Library.

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

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



**Play Time for Babies and Tots**

**10,17,24,31 | Wed |**  
**9:15-10a & 10:30-11:15a**  
**Ages 8 months-2 Years**



Play promotes healthy development and learning, so bring your youngster to our library for 45 minutes of toys, lap games, and a story with Miss Alma and her

puppets. (Siblings are welcome.)  
 Pre-register at 721-2616.

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



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

**Story Time for Preschoolers**  
**16,30 | Tues | 10:30-11:15a**  
**Ages 3-5**

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

**Metropolitan Library Commission**  
**of Oklahoma County**



**18 | Thur | 3:30-5p**  
 Warr Acres Library  
 5901 NW 63rd  
 Warr Acres, OK 73132  
 405.721.2616

The public is welcome to attend.

**Preschool and Developmental**  
**Screenings**



**19 | Fri | 9a-4p**  
**Birth-Age 5**

Book a one-on-one screening of your preschooler with experts in child development and speech pathology. A parent or legal guardian must accompany the child for the 30-minute session. Screenings are by appointment only; please call, 425-4412. Co-sponsor OKC-County Health Department.

**Coffee Break**

**22 | Mon | 9:30-10:30a**  
**Adults**

Join us for coffee & conversation in a relaxed, informal setting. Coffee & light refreshments will be served in our meeting room.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## 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.**

Ambrose, Stephen E. *Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the Opening of the American West*.  
917.8042/AM496u

Author Stephen E. Ambrose (“Band of Brothers”) for over 20 years has taken his family on vacations following the path of

Lewis and Clark. This biography of Lewis reveals not just its subject’s life, which ended by suicide at age 35, but also the how and why he and his partner in adventure did what they did—which was nothing less than open North America to westward expansion.

Crusie, Jennifer. *Anyone But You*.

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Considered by many to be a romantic comedy classic, this is the story of 40-year old new divorcee, a single 30-year old ER doctor, and the depressed Beagle that brings them together. This is an up-beat romance that will have you pulling for its characters all the way.



**We're here to serve you.**

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

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

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