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## New *info*

Our spotlight is on the movies this month with the first “I Can’t Believe I Shot That!” Teen Film Contest at the Downtown Library (see the article on page 10) and the “Oklahoma Images” piece on the first person to work as a professional filmmaker in Oklahoma. You’ll probably be surprised when you find out who it was!

And here’s something else that may surprise you. Did you know that the Metropolitan Library System has over 3,750 feature films in its collection? You could watch a movie every day for 10 years and not reach the end of what we have for you to check out.

Prize winners, celebrated classics and quirky newcomers, we have an outstanding library of titles for you to choose from, so stroll along through our online catalog at our website, [www.metrolibrary.org](http://www.metrolibrary.org) to find just the right movie for a cold January evening.

MLS is ready for its close-up.

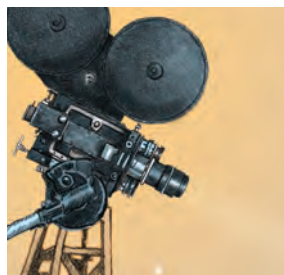




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Join librarian Larry Johnson as he explores the highways and byways of Oklahoma's past. He's a great guide and he always has the most interesting things to say. This month: The A1 and Bill Show.

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Looking for something different to read, watch, or listen to? Check out the books, DVDs, and CDs that caught our reviewers' attention this month.

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## 12 Calendar of Events

Every MLS programming event listed in one place. All you need to know about the people, times, and places of this month's library activities.

## On the Cover

A collage depicting the Metropolitan Library System's "I Can't Believe I Shot That!" Teen Film Contest.



# Oklahoma Images

## The AL & BILL SHOW

by Larry Johnson

**N**ot because I didn't have any ideas – I instantly thought of an angle that links Bill Tilghman's movie career with the old Oklahoma County Courthouse, pictured here. No, it's that tenacious creature known scientifically as *WildWesticus Bufficus* which gives me pause. This species is in the same genus as *CivilWaricus Bufficus*. Both species are generally harmless unless one of their young is threatened by a feature writer from outside their pack who deigns to purport knowledge of legendary figures.

So, braving the slings and arrows of the defenders of sacred Wild West knowledge, here I go. Now, what does iconic lawman Bill Tilghman's movie career have to do with the Oklahoma County Court House? Well in 1912, Al Jennings announced that he would seek the office of County Attorney for Oklahoma County. Jennings was just about the most



Bill Tilghman

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I often try to harmonize with the other stories in this magazine. But when The Ed. asked, “Do you have anything about Bill Tilghman’s movie career,” I knew I was in for a challenge.

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inept bandit king ever to roam the Southwest. His gang's one success, a train robbery, drew the notice of Deputy U. S. Marshal Bill Tilghman and his associates, who quickly caught the bandits, killing Little Dick West, and putting Al in jail for 50 years. You can read Al's story of his imprisonment in his book *Through the Shadows with O. Henry*.

In an Ohio prison, Al underwent a miraculous reformation and Theodore Roosevelt gave him a full pardon. There's some evidence to suggest that the pardon was brokered by Jack Abernathy, the famous marshal cum wolf-wrestler, who was a mutual friend of the other two.

Ironically, Tilghman had directed a very early film



Al Jennings

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*This picture of the Oklahoma County Court House at 20 N. Dewey circa 1910 shows where reformed bank-robber Al Jennings would have had an office if he had been elected County Attorney in 1912.*

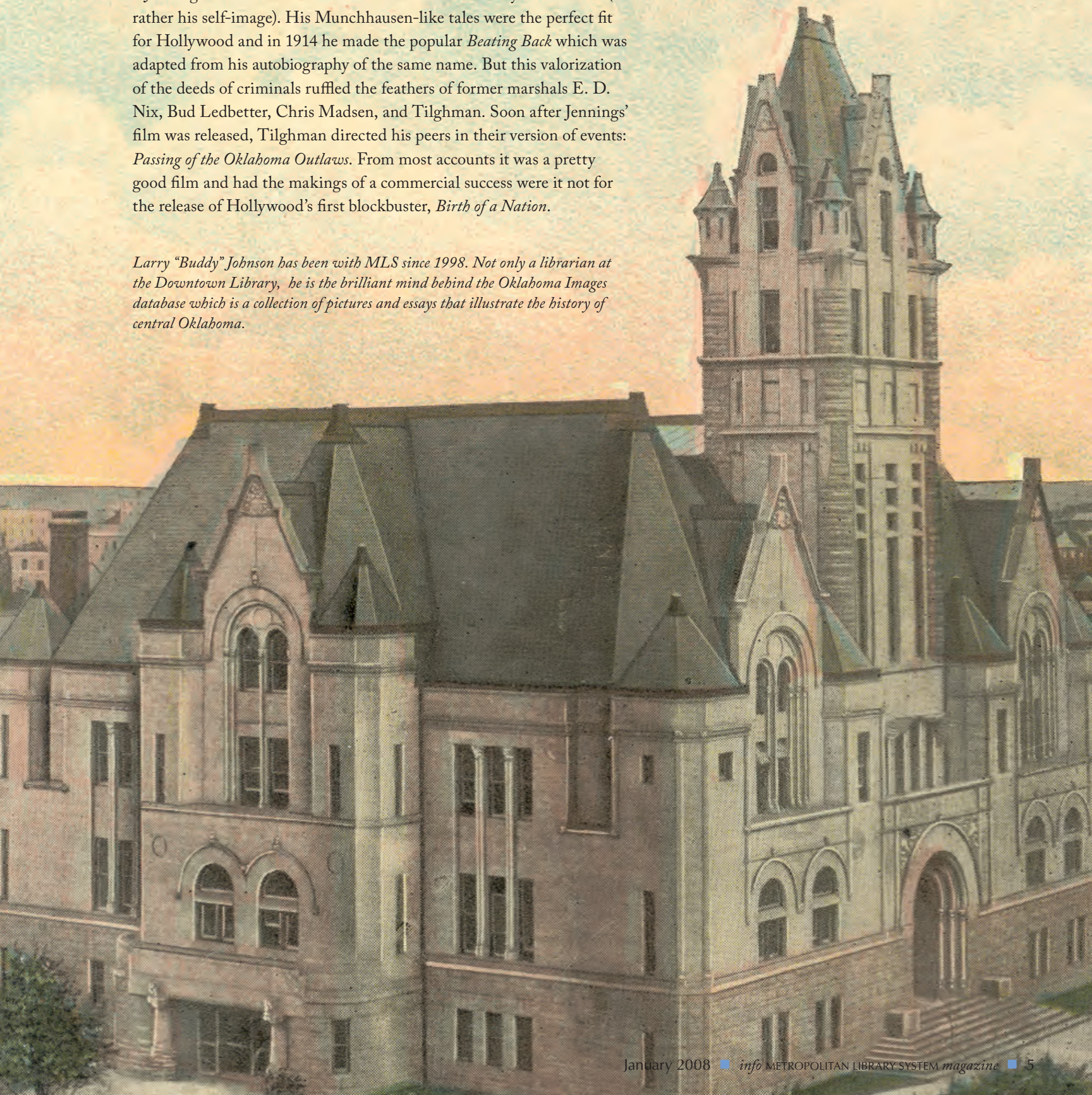


## Court House, Oklahoma City.

of Abernathy wrangling wolves in 1908. But in 1912, when Jennings was running for the County Attorney job, Tilghman was chief of the Oklahoma City Police Department. Fortunately, Jennings lost because the normally reserved Tilghman was livid at the prospect of the criminals he nabbed being prosecuted by a train-robbing jailbird.

Jennings realized that his most marketable commodity was himself (or rather his self-image). His Munchhausen-like tales were the perfect fit for Hollywood and in 1914 he made the popular *Beating Back* which was adapted from his autobiography of the same name. But this valorization of the deeds of criminals ruffled the feathers of former marshals E. D. Nix, Bud Ledbetter, Chris Madsen, and Tilghman. Soon after Jennings' film was released, Tilghman directed his peers in their version of events: *Passing of the Oklahoma Outlaws*. From most accounts it was a pretty good film and had the makings of a commercial success were it not for the release of Hollywood's first blockbuster, *Birth of a Nation*.

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







# Reviews & Recommendations

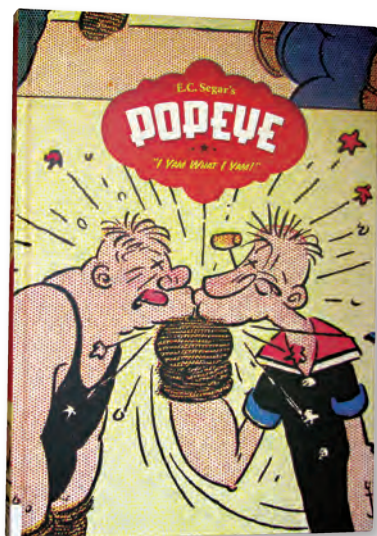
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ON THE SHELF

## Popeye, vol. 1: I Yam What I Yam!

By E. C. Segar

Reviewed by Doug Bentin



Wait, don't go away! I know you think you know everything there is to know about Popeye the Sailor, but if you're familiar with the character from the cartoons only, you know next to nothing.

Now, I love those early Fleischer cartoons but they did tend to simplify Popeye into a guy whose only avocation was brawling. Au contraire. The comic strip in which he originally appeared, E.C. Segar's Thimble Theater, presented the character in a more varied light. So instantaneously popular did Popeye become, he took over the strip—which had been running for 10 years before the sailor came onboard—in a matter of weeks after his first appearance.

This first volume of what will eventually be a six-volume set, reprints the first 18 months of Popeye's existence, and a rollicking time it was, too. Segar was a comic genius with a strong affection for adventure stories, a combination perfect for the language-mangling tar. This is great fun. Great. Fun.

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

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ON THE SHELF

## The World Without Us

by Alan Weisman

Reviewed by Jana Hausburg

Imagine what the world was like before humans. It must have been quite literally the Garden of Eden, with primeval forests of trees more than 150 feet tall, seashores teeming with schools of fish that could be harvested by hand, flocks of birds one million strong flying overhead.

When humankind evolved, we began to impact the shape of the landscape, the well-being of a multitude of species, and the health of rivers and soil. We created an enormous infrastructure composed of steel, copper, concrete and plastic. We dammed rivers, drained lakes, sheared the tops off mountains, even harnessed the power of the atom. Our consumption of fossil fuels is changing the temperature of the planet. According to Weisman, the Earth could "one day degenerate into something resembling a vacant lot, where crows and rats scuttle among weeds, preying on each other."

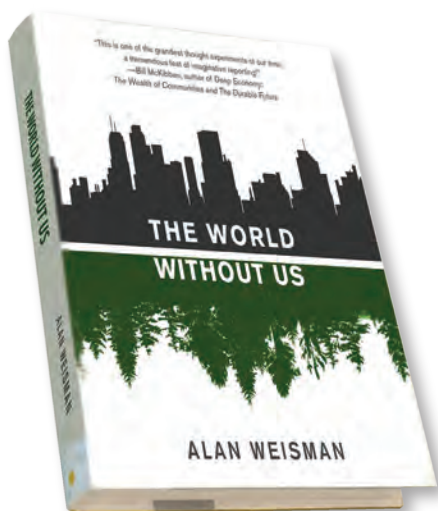
But if humans disappeared...

Weisman looks at the recovery of the forests around Chernobyl and the pristine beauty of the Korean DMZ as an example of the Earth's tremendous capacity of self-healing. He imagines what would happen to New York City's subway system only days after humans vanished, how long it would take for native species to choke out imported species (or vice versa), what might survive far into the future as a hint that we were once here (hydrants, bronze statues, radio waves), and a particularly terrifying description of the melt-down of 441 nuclear plants all over the world.

And then there's the plastics problem...

Although the odds of only humans dying off are remote at best, *The World Without Us* is a fascinating and thought-provoking creative exercise. Will we continue using up our planet's natural resources without any thought to the resulting ecological devastation? Or will we somehow wake up and begin caring for this gift we call Earth?

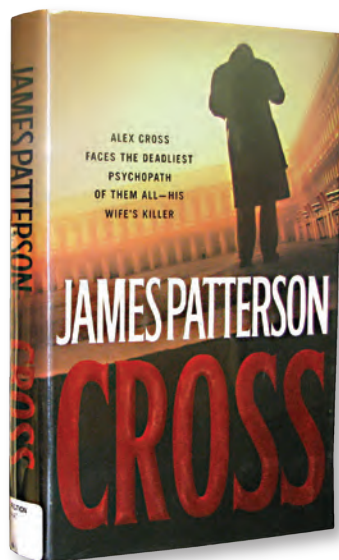
*A cataloger for the Metropolitan Library System since 1995, Jana Hausburg has the daunting task of cataloging library books before they go on the shelves of your local library.*





## Cross by James Patterson

Reviewed by Ursula Ward



Cross is another one of Patterson's intense Alex Cross thrillers. Its fast pace keeps the reader turning the pages.

The plot is basically a simple one of good versus evil. It is almost like a medieval fantasy set in a modern age in which an evil antagonist tries to outwit the good protagonist. The author tries to compare the souls and minds of the two main characters, but he doesn't give any real depth to any of his characters. Alex Cross is almost too naïve to be a real person in today's crime-ridden world.

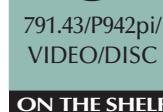
The story is about police catching a serial killer who works for the Italian mafia in our nation's capitol city. The killer, Michael Sullivan, leads a double life—he's both a loving father and a hit man for the mob. He is known as the "Butcher" in the underworld for the violent way he kills his victims.

Alex Cross is a crime psychologist on assignment to help police solve a possible serial rapist case within the Georgetown area. Things begin to get complicated when Cross connects the serial rapist as the same serial killer working for the mob.

Both Sullivan and Cross have disturbing incidents in their pasts that play a main part in the story. Neither one of them wants to let go of the past to move on with their lives, and the story points out how past incidents can shape present actions.

Once a reader enters this world, he is hooked to find out how Cross solves the crime. Some of the descriptions of the violence can be graphic, but this is an action packed psychological thriller that Patterson's readers will want to read while they anxiously wait for Alex Cross's next investigation.

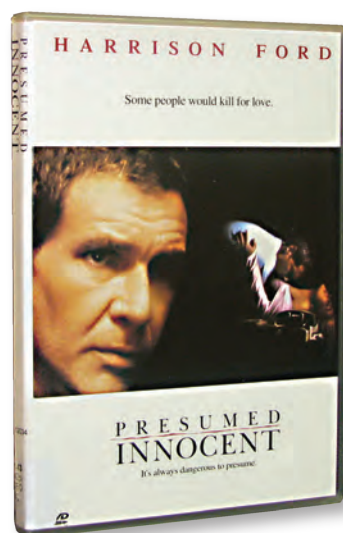
*Ursula Ward works in the MLS Cataloging Department, where she specializes in government documents. Her hobbies include drawing, painting, writing stories for children, and reading suspense novels.*



## Presumed Innocent

adapted from the novel by Scott Turow

Reviewed by Jana Hausburg



"Some people would kill for love" is emblazoned on the cover of the VHS tape. A picture of Harrison Ford, sporting a bad haircut and a pensive expression, is juxtaposed against another photograph of a couple locked in a passionate embrace.

Adapted from the best-selling novel by Scott Turow, and produced in 1990 by Warner Bros., the film centers on an assistant district attorney (Ford) who is the primary suspect when his beautiful co-worker — and former lover — ends up dead.

Is he innocent? Guilty? Or is he a falsely accused man, a situation that may haunt the nightmares of an average American, especially in a post 9-11 world. Will he be found guilty of a crime he did not commit? And, in the face of such overwhelming circumstantial evidence, how can he possibly prove his innocence?

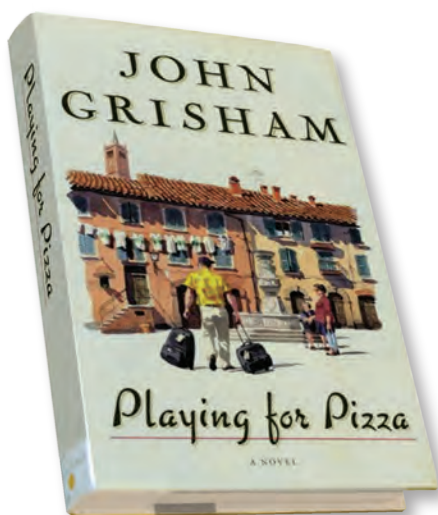
Like any good whodunit, there are twists and turns at every corner. Cover-ups abound. The viewer knows one of these onscreen characters has to be the murderer, but who is it? Can it possibly be the seemingly rock-solid deputy prosecutor? Who else has a motive? A powerful courtroom scene ratchets up the drama.

The library currently has the movie in VHS and DVD formats. Give it a second viewing. I enjoyed it.

But I'll watch just about anything starring Harrison Ford. Even *The Mosquito Coast*. Yes, I'm that obsessed.



# Reviews & Recommendations



## Playing for Pizza

by John Grisham

Reviewed by Christine Bassett

Grisham has once again strayed from his usual lawyer novels, this time to write about failed American football player Rick Dockery's career move to the Parma Panthers, or the "Pizza League" as U.S. reporter Charley Cray nicknames the Italian team.

Twenty-eight year old Dockery's football career is over after a failure on the field led to his team's defeat in their first SuperBowl until his agent comes up with the idea of a move to Italy where Rick will no longer need to hide his head in shame after being carried off the field on a stretcher. Dockery gets to tour Italy and use his time playing football Americano to learn about all things Italian, including small cars, Euros, love of opera, and long lunches.

Grisham's love of the game and of all things Italian both feature strongly in this light-hearted romantic comedy set in the lovely old town of Parma. Grisham clearly fell in love with Italy while researching *The Broker* more than 10 years ago and this novel, which could have been more aptly titled *Playing for Parma Pizza in the Piazza*, is great fun and a welcome break from his more serious writing.

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



## Sister Bernadette's Barking Dog: The Quirky History and Lost Art of Diagramming Sentences

by Kitty Burns Florey

Reviewed by Marilyn Backus

Will you enjoy this book? Yes, if you've caught yourself gasping at the bad grammar on TV. No, if you're the guy who hears the gasp from someone else then asks, "Was there a fumble?"

Florey is a copyeditor for whom "transforming an almost good sentence into a very good sentence is a satisfaction equivalent to dipping strawberries into whipped cream." But she doubts that diagramming helped her, or anyone else, become a better writer. Diagramming is just fun and games.

This is not an instruction manual, but an affectionate tribute, full of the nostalgia of being "summoned to the blackboard to show off your skills" where you "took a sentence, threw it against the wall, picked up the pieces, and put them together again."

The sentences she diagrams are unexpectedly funny, and reading them from the diagrams somehow enhances the humor. Gertrude Stein, a proponent of diagramming, claimed it could teach you everything you need to know about the English language, but a sample of her writing could be impossible to diagram. A sentence from Henry James sprawls across a two-page spread. And Faulkner's beautiful parallel constructions look like a grand work of architecture.

Florey's conclusion and style will satisfy the avid reader, "People don't need diagramming... they pick up grammar and syntax effortlessly through their reading. The language sticks to them like cat hair to black trousers, and they do things correctly without knowing why."

*Marilyn Backus has worked for the Metropolitan Library System for over 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.*





# Search, Discover & Invest

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*-Walt Disney*



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### *What's In It For You?*

#### Programs such as:

- ★ Soviet Life
- ★ Classical Piano & Philharmonic Musicians
- ★ Estate Planning
- ★ Hunter's Safety Courses
- ★ "Oklahoma Images," Today among the Top 5 [www.metrolibrary.org](http://www.metrolibrary.org) hits.
- ★ Children's Area Additions. Choctaw Library is the most recent.
- ★ Capitol Hill Library Renovation
- ★ Improved material delivery with replacement of aging vehicles
- ★ Progressive technology: Flat Screen Monitors, Free Wireless Access

### *What your gifts look like:*

- \$12,000 = Summer at the Library Sponsorship - 17,486 Children & Teens 2007
- \$450 = The Oxford Encyclopedia of Maritime History, 4 Volume Set
- \$300 = Classical Physics & Astronomy Teaching DVD's
- \$100 = 4 Parenting Books
- \$30 = 1 Large Print Book for Home-bound Library Customers
- \$20 = 1 Hardback Children's Book





# Lights, Camera... Oklahoma?

Unfortunately, that's how a lot of people react when you tell them that Oklahoma has a thriving film culture. Last year, when the Oklahoma Film Critics Circle, an organization made up of professional movie reviewers, was formed, entertainment writers from all around the nation responded with the snarky question, "They have movies in Oklahoma?"

Yes, and movie-makers as well. And now, thanks to the Metropolitan Library System's Downtown Library, central Oklahoma is going to have its first contest for teen filmmakers. It's the "I Can't Believe I Shot That!" Teen Film Contest.

"I can't believe we finally got this thing rolling," said Downtown librarian and Teen specialist Kimberly Edwards. "I've been thinking about something like this and trying to put it together for a couple of years, and now here we go."

Kimberly's love of movies goes way back. She presents a series of movies at the Downtown Library on Wednesday evenings and is especially fond of old, cornball horror and science fiction films.

"The cheesier, the better," she laughs. "And don't call them 'old.' Call them 'vintage.'"

The contest is open to teens in grades 7-12. The movies should be originals that tell a story or express a point of view. Music videos are discouraged as they would involve the use of copyrighted songs.

"These movies will be made entirely by teens—written by teens, directed by teens, shot and edited by teens," Kimberly explained. "You may use adults or younger kids as actors, but you don't have to."

A set of the complete contest rules can be obtained at the Downtown Library.

Entries must be turned in at the Downtown Library on or before February 8, 2008. Any of them may be eligible for presentation at the ICBIST Teen Film Festival on March 20, 2008.

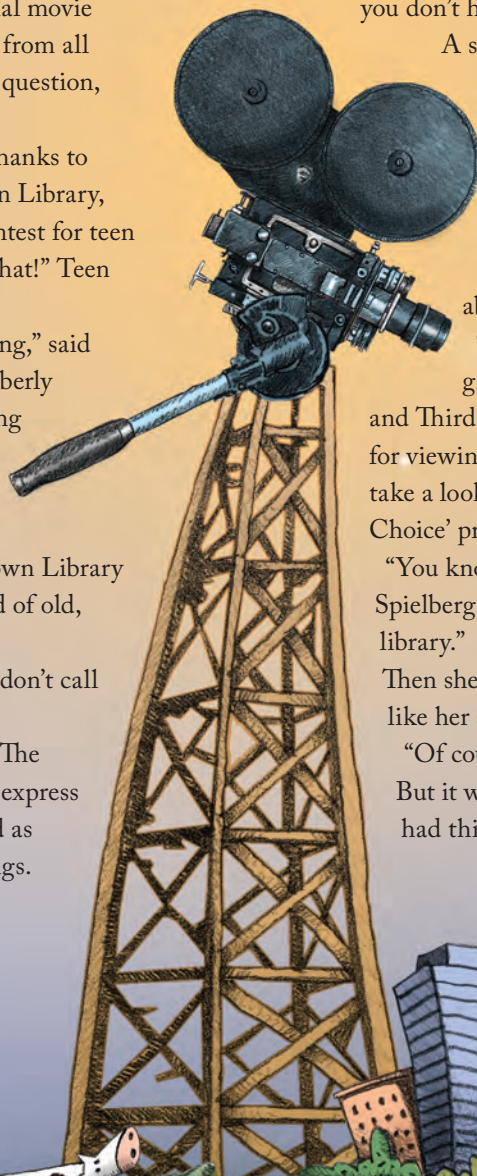
What's that? Did I hear someone say something about prizes?

"Of course there'll be prizes," Kim said. "We have gift cards worth \$75, \$50 and \$25 for First, Second and Third places. We'll also make the top winners available for viewing on MLS' website so people all over the world can take a look at them, and there will also be special 'Audience Choice' prizes handed out."

"You know, a lot of people have never heard that Steven Spielberg got his start by winning a film contest at his local library."

Then she smiled, displaying why the teens she works with like her so much.

"Of course, they don't know it because I just made it up. But it would have been true if his neighborhood library had had this idea first."





# I Can't Believe I Shot That!

## Teen Film Contest

### Guidelines for entries

- \* Contest is open to teens, grades 7-12.
- \* Original ideas preferred (remakes discouraged). Films should tell a story or express a point of view (as in a documentary); music videos are strongly discouraged.
- \* Films must be original creations directed, filmed & edited by teens, grades 7-12 (actors may be of any age).
- \* Entries must be between 5-10 minutes long.
- \* Films should be edited before being submitted.
- \* Entries must be submitted on DVD format.
- \* Entries must include the phrase "Metropolitan Library System" or it's logo.
- \* Filmmakers must follow copyright regulations (no use of copyrighted material – including music – unless written permissions have been obtained).
- \* Titles & credits must be included in your film.
- \* Films may be on any topic, but language & subject matter must be "G" or "PG" or will be disqualified. Films will be previewed for content.
- \* All films remain the property of their creators
- \* Each entry submitted must be accompanied by a completed entry form.
- \* Students may submit up to two (2) projects for consideration, but only one project per dvd.
- \* The decision of the judges is final.

Prizes [to be given out during the ICBIST Teen Film Festival **March 20, 2008**]

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$75 Gift Card
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$50 Gift Card
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$25 Gift Card

The top 3 prize winning films may be viewed on the MLS website.

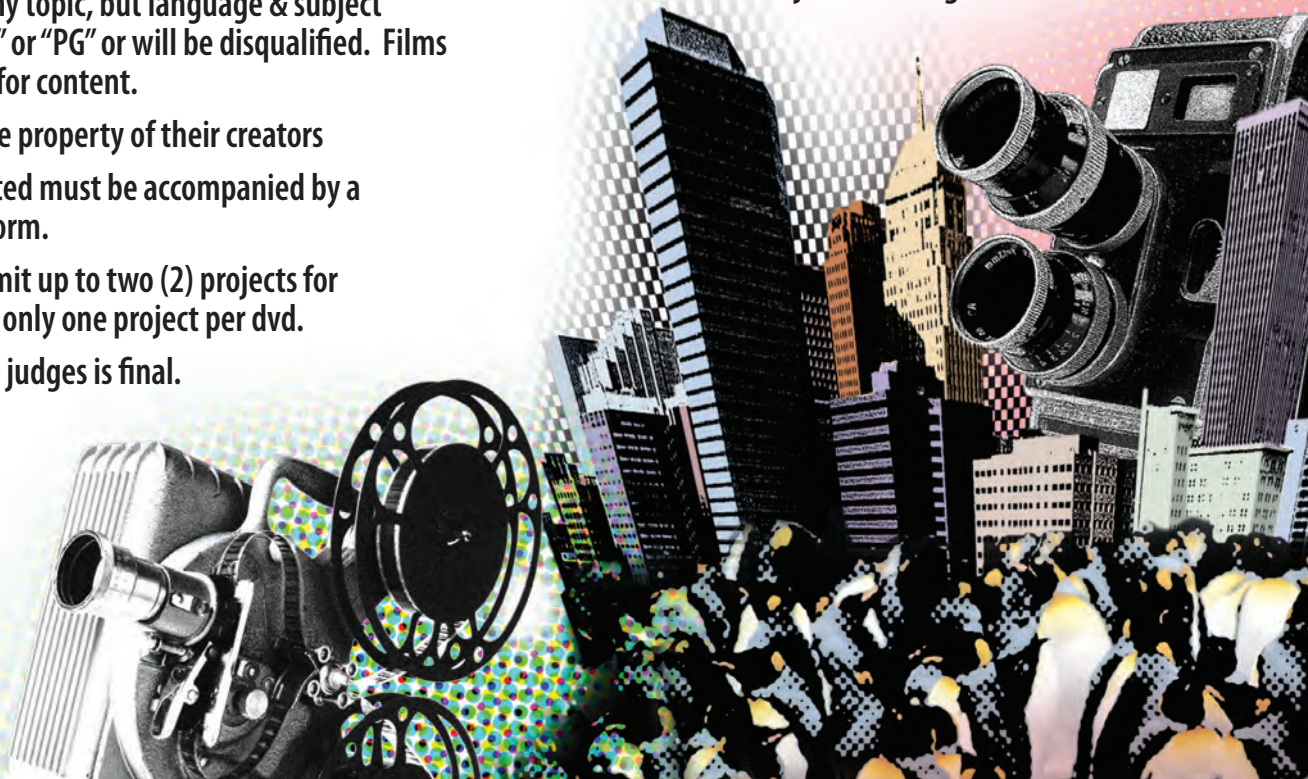
There will also be special "Audience Choice" prizes given during the ICBIST Teen Film Festival on **March 20, 2008**.

Submit your original film (between 5-10 minutes) and you could win!

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE TURNED IN TO YOUNG ADULT LIBRARIAN KIMBERLY ANN EDWARDS AT THE RJN DOWNTOWN LIBRARY BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2008.

Top entries (along with the winning entries) will be shown at the "I Can't Believe I Shot That" Teen Film Festival on **Thursday, March 20, 2008 at 6pm**.

Items in **Red** are subject to change.





# january

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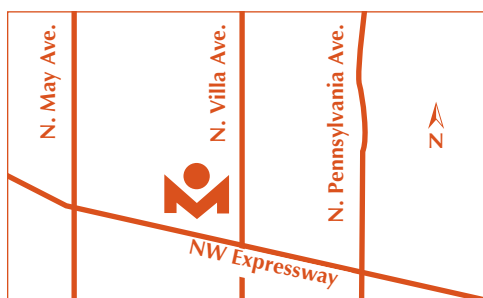
*All Metropolitan Library System libraries will be closed January 1 in observance of the New Year's holiday, and January 21 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.*

### 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



### Writer's Workshop With an Oklahoma

Author: Lou Dean

Jan 12 | Sat | 2-3p

Ages 10-Adult

Have you ever wanted to write your own stories or journal, but are having trouble getting started? Would you like to write inspirational stories? Would you like to sell what you write? Get advice and inspiration from Lou Dean, an Oklahoma author. Lou Dean grew up in Osage County, Oklahoma. Her work includes articles in major magazines, three award-winning books of memoirs, and a YA novel. Her first book *Angels in Disguise* was the result of a dog named Jake saving her life and her growing awareness of her spiritual connection to animals. Refreshments provided, and books available for purchase and signing. Sign up at the Reference Desk.

### English as a Second Language

Jan 22,24,29,31 | Tue & Thur

9:30a-Noon

Adults



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

### Free Tax Help @ the Library

Jan 26 | Sat | 9:30a-1p

Jan 29 | Tue | 9:30a-2p

Jan 30 | Wed | 9:30a-2p

Adults

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

### Score Small Business Counseling

Jan 5,19 | Sat | 9a-Noon

Adults

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

### Child Guidance Consultation

Jan 10 | Thur | 9:30a-4p

Ages Birth-5 years



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

### Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County

Jan 17 | Thur | 3:30-5p

Belle Isle Library

5501 N. Villa

Oklahoma City, OK 73112

405.843-9601

The public is welcome to attend.



### Metro OKC Knit Guild Group

Jan 20 | Sun | 3-5p

Teens & Adults

The Metro OKC Knit Guild group meets at Belle Isle Library. Everyone—any knitter or person who's never knitted, but would like to learn—is welcome. Each monthly program includes a lesson of a new knitting technique and examples of charity knitting projects. January's lesson is "Adding Crochet Edgings." For questions about the group, e-mail the guild at [metrookcknitguild@cox.net](mailto:metrookcknitguild@cox.net) or call 823-6866. Please sign up at the Reference Desk for the meeting.

### Snow Time

Jan 30 | Tue | 10-11a

Pre-kindergarten



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

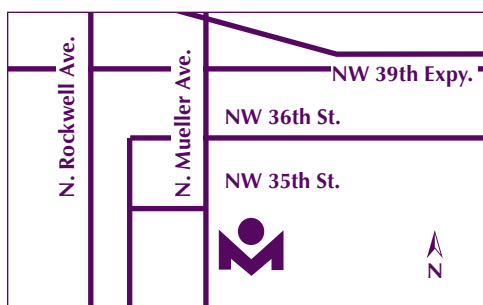


## Bethany Library

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

### HOURS

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



## 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



### Child Guidance Consultation

Jan 7 | Mon | 9a-4p  
Ages Birth-5 years with  
Parent/Legal Guardian

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



### Stuffed Animal Workshop

Jan 19 | Sat | 2-4p  
Grades 4-8

Would you enjoy learning to make stuffed animals? If you have some sewing experience or none at all, you are welcome to attend. We will help you get started and all sewing materials will be provided. Take home a toy you made yourself! Enjoy some hot chocolate and other refreshments too. Pre-registration is required. Sign up at the Information Desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.

### Toddler Story & Play Time

Jan 24 | Thur | 9:30-10:15a  
and 10:30-11:15a  
Ages 2-3

Enjoy stories, songs, nursery rhymes and play time. For child with adult. Choose the 9:30 or 10:30 session. Pre-register at the library information desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.



### Winter Story Time

Jan 31 | Thur | 10-10:45a  
Ages 3-6

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



### After School Cool

Jan 8 | Tue | 4-5p  
Ages 11-17

Would you like to take an artistic journey after school? Join us every Tuesday from 4:00-5:00 p.m. as artist, Nathan Lee teaches students different artistic techniques. Supplies and refreshments will be provided. Contact Angela Hill at 634-6308 for more information and to pre-register.



Teens

### Soap Making

Jan 12 | Sat | 11a-12:30p arts  
Adults

This class will demonstrate how to make soap. Soap creations can be made for yourself, given as gifts, or used as a room display. You will receive a free soap sample for attending this program. Please register at 634-6308.



### Internet Basics for Adults

Jan 26 | Sat | 2-3p  
Adults

This class is designed for adults & seniors who know very little about the Internet, but who want to learn. Participants will learn the basics of Internet usage, be shown how to search the internet through some popular search engines, and will preview different general interest Web sites. Class size is limited. Please register at 634-6308.



### Capitol Hill Advisory of Teens

Jan 31 | Thur | 6-7p  
Teens

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



Teens

### Child Guidance Consultation

Jan 7 | Mon | 9:30a-3:30p  
Ages birth-5 years with  
Parent/legal guardian

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



### Lapsit Story Time

Jan 8,15,22,29 | Tue  
9:30-10a

Ages 6 months-3 years

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



### Preschool Story Time

Jan 8,15,22,29 | Tue  
10:30-11a

Ages 3-5 years

Come to the library for stories, songs, fingerplays, and fun. Please pre-register or call 390-8418 for more information.



### Teen Advisory Board

Jan 10 | Thur | 6-7p  
Grades 7-12

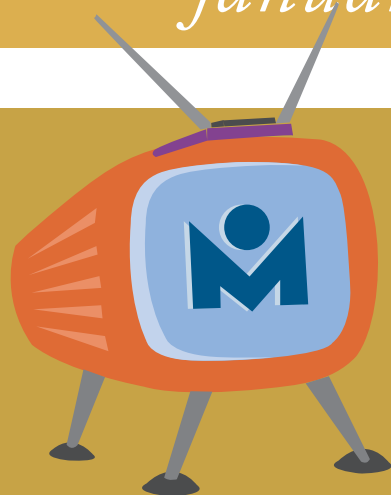
The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) will meet once a month to discuss books, brainstorm and plan for teen programs, and have fun. Come share your program ideas with other teens in the community.



Teens

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## Read About It

*Discussions with Authors & Book Reviews*

### TIMES

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

Cox Channel 7  
Oklahoma City-Norman

Cox Channel 3  
Tulsa, Okmulgee, Henryetta & Muskogee

Cox Channel 29  
Cushing, Drumright, Enid & Stillwater

OKLAHOMA CITY— Several award-winning authors will be featured on 'Read About It,' the cable TV show brought to you by the Metropolitan Library System. This month, hostess B.J. Williams will welcome the following guests.

**January 7** Carolyn Hart, well-known Oklahoma mystery writer, and founding member of Sisters in Crime, will discuss *Set Sail for Murder*.

**January 14** Rilla Askew, award-winning author and previous judge for the NSK Neustadt Award, will discuss *Harp Song*. Her book, *Fire in Beulah* was chosen for Oklahoma Reads Oklahoma in 2006.

**January 21** Deborah Bouziden, Oklahoma writer of fiction and nonfiction, will discuss *Off the Beaten Path*.

**January 28** Bob Burke, local attorney and author, was recently inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame and recently won the Arrell Gibson Lifetime Achievement Award from the Oklahoma Center for the Book.

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

*Choctaw Library continued.*

**Family Place: Open Play**  
**Jan 12 | Sat | 10-11a**  
**6 Months-5 Years**  
**with Parent**



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

**Conversational Spanish**  
**Jan 14,28 | Mon | 4-5p**  
**Adults**



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

**Conversational Spanish for Intermediate and Advanced**  
**Jan 14,28 | Mon | 5-6 p**  
**Adults**



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

**Simple Baby Signs**  
**Jan 16 | Wed | 2:30-3:30p**  
**Parents of children**  
**9-22 Months**



Baby Signs teaches communication before babies are able to use words. This fun and interactive signing class teaches how to include signs naturally while interacting with your child through daily routines and play. Learn and practice approximately 50 signs. Facilitated by Speech-Language Pathologists: Cheryl Custer and Tracy Goebel. Please pre-register at 425-4412. Co-sponsor: Child Guidance-Oklahoma City-County Health Department

**Tai Chi With Chris Francis:**  
**Beginners Group**  
**Jan 16,23,30 | Wed | 5:30-6:15p**  
**Adults**

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

**Tai Chi With Chris Francis:**  
**Intermediate & Advanced Group**  
**Jan 16,23,30 | Wed | 6:30-7:30p**  
**Adults**

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

**GED**  
**Jan 22,24,29,31**  
**Tue & Thur | 1-3p**  
**Adults**



In this GED class review math, English, and social studies to prepare for the GED test. Class and materials are free. Registration on-going. Questions? Call Mid-Del Learning Center at 739-1783 or the Choctaw Library 390-8418.



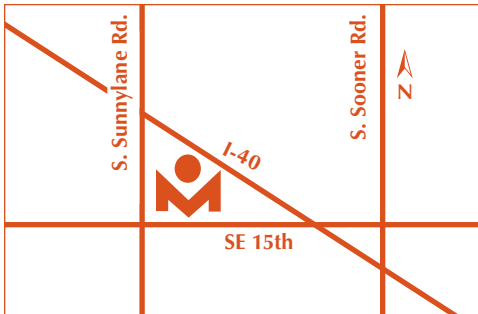
## Del City Library

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

### HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5  
Sun: Closed



## Basic Computer Training

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

Jan 4,18 | Fri | 2-3p

All Ages

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



## Annual Doll and Stuffed Animal Parade

Jan 5 | Sat | 2-3:30p

Ages 4-11

Children bring dolls or stuffed animals to the library! Judges determine which toy is the "Star" and everyone gets a ribbon! There will be refreshments and other activities.



## Family Place:

1-2-3 Play with Me

Jan 11,18,25 | Fri

10-11a

10 Months - 3 1/2 Years

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



## Child Guidance Consultation

Jan 14 | Mon | 9a-4p

Ages Newborn-5 years

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



## Ghost Towns and Spooklights

Jan 28 | Mon | 6-7p

Teens

Oklahoma is littered with ghostly legends and tales. Travel through the Spooktown Triangle and investigate the strange phenomena of ghost light. Come and find out if you can recreate this effect and decide for yourself if there is a natural explanation or if its origin will forever remain a mystery.



## How to Write Your Personal and Family History

Jan 29 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

Adults

The new year would be a good time to begin writing your personal and family history. If this seems like an overwhelming task, you may just need some help with planning and getting started. Let us show you how to use time lines, lists, and photographs to jog your memory. We'll give you organizational options, writing tips and encouragement to help you commit to this worthwhile project. Call 672-1377 to pre-register.

## Aerobics Story Time

Jan 31 | Thur | 6:30-7p

Ages 1-5

Fun at the Del City Library for little ones! There will be movement, juice, and stories!



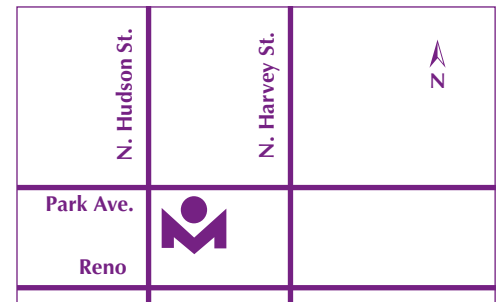
## Downtown Library

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

### HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5  
Sun: 1-6



## Wednesdays With Writers

Jan 2 | Wed | 11:30a-1:30p

Adults

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

## Wednesday Night at the Movies

Jan 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed | 6-8p

All Ages

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

Jan 2: *Ice Age* (PG)

Jan 9: *Eight Below* (PG)

Jan 16: *Remember the Titans* (PG)

Jan 23: *Glory Road* (PG)

Jan 30: *Miracle* (PG)

## Preschool Story Time

Jan 4,11,18,25 | Fri

10-10:40a

Ages 3-6

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



## E-Mailing Basics

Jan 9 | Wed | 11a-Noon

Adults

Learn the basics of e-mailing including setting up an e-mail account, creating e-mails, and sending e-mails and attachments. Classes



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INCOME TAX

# Tax Help: AARP & VITA

## Belle Isle Library - AARP

Saturday, Jan. 26, 9:30a-1p

Tuesday, Jan. 29, 9:30a-4p

Wednesday, Jan. 30, 9:30a-4p

E-filing ONLY. AARP Volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2007 state and federal tax returns on Sat beginning Jan 26. No appointments taken, first come, first served—At the latest, you must be there by noon for Sat, and by 3p on Tue and Wed.

## Ralph Ellison Library

VITA Income Tax Assistance

Jan 19,26 | Sat | 9a-5p

Adults

Trained volunteers will provide free basic tax help on 2007 returns. Bring a copy of last year's return, W-2 income forms, & information about deductions. A photo ID is required to file taxes.

## Warr Acres Library-AARP

Monday, Jan. 28, 9a-2p

Thursday, Jan. 31, 9a-2p

Adults

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

## Downtown Library continued.

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.

## PM Come Play With Me

Jan 10 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p

10 Months-5 Years w/adult



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

## Year of Piano Masterworks

Jan 13 | Sun | 2-3p

All Ages



Second Sundays at the Downtown Library will continue to bring Wayne McEvilly in concert with "A Year of Piano Masterworks." This concert will include Schubert's "The B Flat Sonata." Bring the whole family to enjoy an hour of extraordinary piano music in a relaxed and comfortable setting. Admission is free. Seating is limited and begins at 1:30 p.m. in the 46th Star Auditorium.

## Homeschool Book Club

Jan 16 | Wed | 10-11a

Elementary Age (5-11)

Join us for a book discussion for elementary age children during "school hours" and bring your favorite book to share with the group. Call the Downtown Library Children's Desk at 606-3862 or come by to sign up.

## Basic Internet Searching Instruction

Jan 17 | Thur | 10-11a

Adults



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

## Video Games for Kids

Jan 19 | Sat | 1:30-4p

Elementary Age

Come to the Downtown Library and impress your friends with your skills on the Wii, Gamecube, and Playstation! For more information come by or call the Children's Reference Desk 606-3862.

## Basic Instruction for Beginning Computer Users

Jan 22 | Tue | 5:30-7p

Adults



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

## Child Guidance Consultations

Jan 31 | Thur | 9a-Noon

Birth-5 Years with parent



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

## Edmond Library

10 S. Boulevard, Edmond

(405) 341-9282

## HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-9

Fri: 9-6

Sat: 9-5

Sun: 1-6

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

## Exhibit: Memories in the Making

Jan 2-31, Library Hours

All Ages  
This display from the Alzheimer's Association consists of an expressive art program facilitated by an artist through the Alzheimer's Association. It encourages individuals with Alzheimer's/dementia to express themselves through art.

## 55+ Coffee Break

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

Seniors

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



### Children Reading to Dogs

Jan 3,10,17,24,31 | Thur  
6-7:30p

#### Children who can read

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



### Simple Living

Jan 5,19 | Sat | 10-11:30a  
Adults

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

### Stamp Club

Jan 5,19 | Sat | 10a-Noon  
4th Grade and up

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

### Farsi

Jan 6,13,2027 | Sun  
1:30-2:30p  
Adults & Teens

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



### Preschool Story Time

Jan 7,14,28 | 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.



### Lapsit, Playtime, Story Time

Jan 8,15,22,29 | Tue  
9:30-10:15a & 10:30-11:15a  
Birth through age two

Enjoy a special time with your young child at



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

### Computer Instruction with Dave

Jan 9,16,23,30 | 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.



### Music With Susan

Jan 11,25 | Fri | 9:30-10a  
or 10:15-10:45a

#### Ages 2-3

Join Susan for musical fun and activities selected just for this age group. Registration begins Jan. 1 for the Jan. 11 session and Jan. 15 for the Jan. 25 session. Please call 341-9282, ext. 4 to register.



### Music With Susan

Jan 11,25 | Fri  
11-11:30a

#### Ages 4-6

Join Susan for musical fun & activities selected just for this age group. Registration begins Jan. 1 for the Jan. 11 session and Jan. 15 for the Jan. 25 session. Please call 341-9282, ext. 4 to register.



### Angela Wall's Story Time

Jan 12 | Sat  
10:30-11:15a

#### Ages 4-7

Begin the New Year with Angela as she takes you to a Winter Wonderland of stories and crafts.



### Reader's Choice Book Discussion

Jan 12 | 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 *An Instance of the Fingerpost* by Iain Pears. Please call 341-9282 to register after December 8. (Limited to 15.)

### Edmond Library Book Bunch Discussion Group

Jan 12 | Sat | 2-3:30p  
Seniors

The Edmond Book Bunch meets once a month at the Edmond Library. The title for this month's discussion is *Dead in Vineyard Sand* by Phillip Craig. Although the group is currently full please call 341-9282 to get on the waiting list after Dec 8. (Limited to 15.)

### Parachute Play

Jan 14 | 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. Facilitated by Pam Collins and Dan Hester. Class size is limited to 20. Call 425-4412 to register. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Department.



### Autism Meeting

Jan 14 | Mon | 7-9p  
Adults

January 14th there will be a special speaker for the autism group. If you have any questions, please contact PAC.



### Manga-Anime Club

Jan 15 | Tue | 4-5p  
Teens

Do you like Manga? Would you like to share your interest in this unique art-form/cartoon style with others? Bring your drawings, your suggestions, and your enthusiasm to this January meeting at the library.



### Child Guidance Consultation

Jan 16 | Wed | 10:30a-4p  
Ages Birth-5 years

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



### TAB-Edmond Library's Teen Advisory Board

Jan 17 | Thur | 4-5p  
Teens ages 12-16

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



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### GED

**Jan 22,24,29,31**

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

**Adults**

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



### Get Ready, Get Set, Go to School

**Jan 23,30 | Wed**

**10a-Noon**

**Ages 4-5 w/parents**

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



### English as a Second Language

**Jan 23,28,30**

**Mon & Wed | 1-4p**

**Adults**

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



### After the Holidays

**Jan 23 | Wed | 2:30-4p**

**Adults**

After the holidays can be a time of chaos for many families. Routines have been disrupted; children have been "spoiled" by well-meaning friends and family; homes are overrun with new toys and gifts mixed with the old ones. Let's regroup and get back on track. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Department.



### ESL/Citizenship

**Jan 23, 28,30**

**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.



### Chess Club for Kids

**Jan 24 | Thur | 3:30-5p**

**Grades 2-7**

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

### Midwest City Library

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

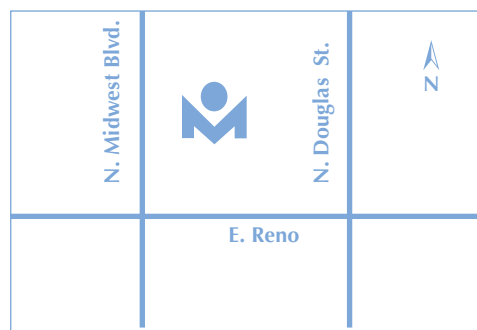
#### HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-9

Fri: 9-6

Sat: 9-5

Sun: 1-6



### Exhibit: Passion and Ambition

**Jan 2-6, During Library Hours**

**All Ages**

"Passion and Ambition," Anna Webb's Senior Project featuring the work of eight young local artists, will be on display in the Lobby Gallery at the Midwest City Library from January 2-6. The exhibit is free and open to the public. A reception to honor the artists will be held on Thursday evening, January 3, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the library lobby.

### Parachute Play

**Jan 2 | Wed | 10:30-11a**

**Ages 3-6 with Parents**

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



### Evening Story Time

**Jan 3 | Thur | 6:30-7p**

**Ages 3-8 with Parents**

Come share an evening of fun with your child. Enjoy stories, songs, poems, rhymes and the occasional craft. All children should be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registra-



tion is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

### Pick Out Books in Your Pajamas!

**Jan 5 | Sat | 9:15-11a**

**Adults & Ages 16 and Older**

Come to the Midwest City Library and learn how to browse our collection from the comfort of your own home computer. In this class, you will learn how to find and reserve books in the online catalog, and create your own personal reading list with our new "shopping cart" function. Space is limited to eight participants, so sign up early! Register at the Information Desk, or call 732-4828.



### Soldier Creek Quilting Group

**Jan 7,14,28 | Mon | 9:15a-1:30p**

**Adults**

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

### Preschool Story Time

**Jan 7,14,28 | Mon**

**10-10:30a and 11-11:30a**

**Ages 2-5 with Parents**

Join us for a special story time. There will be songs, stories, fingerplays and the occasional craft. Older & younger siblings are welcome. All children should be accompanied by an adult. Sign-up begins the Monday prior to the program. Pre-register by calling 732-4828 or signup at the Information Desk.



### Scrapbooking Crop

**Jan 7 | Mon | 6:30-8:30p**

**All Ages**

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

### Young Writers Club

**Jan 8 | Tue | 4-5p**

**Ages 8-12**

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





# Marvelous Mehndi

Midwest City Library  
8143 E. Reno

January 15, 5-6p  
Ages 13-18

Teens can come and enjoy the fun of temporary henna body art called Mehndi.

Mehndi body art is a tradition of India and is a form of beautification like makeup or jewelry. Although it resembles tattoos, it is not permanent. Mehndi body art is applied to the skin with henna paste and can last one to two weeks or longer.

Due to limited space call to reserve a spot: 732-4828.

## Mid-Del Toastmasters

Jan 8,15,22,29 | Tue | 6-8p  
Adults 18-Older

If you are like most people, public speaking is not your favorite pastime. Toastmasters International provides a way to practice & hone the communication & leadership skills of its members. To learn more or to register, contact Jackie Wright at (405) 808-6834 or Dan O'Neil at (405) 204-7154. Co-sponsor: Mid-Del Toastmasters.

## Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament

Jan 9 | Wed | 4-5p  
Ages 10-16

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



Teens

## Scottish Gaelic Language Learner's Group

Jan 9,23 | 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.



Languages & Lifeskills

## Teen Anime/Manga Club

Jan 10 | Thur | 4-5p  
Ages 13-18

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



Teens

## Book Bug Club

Jan 10 | Thur | 4:30-5:30p  
Grades 1-3

Join us in the Book Bug Club! We will have a snack, play a game and make a craft! We will be discussing *Charlie and Lola: Say Cheese!* by Lauren Child. You can pick up a copy of the book and pre-register at the Information Desk or call 732-4828 to sign up.

## Open Mic Poetry Reading

Jan 14 | Mon | 7-8p  
Ages 14 and Older

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

## Midwest City Readers' Society

Jan 15 | Tue | 10a-Noon  
Adults

If you enjoy reading and discussing books, come to the Midwest City Library the third Tuesday of each month for our book club. New members are always welcome. Register and pick up your copy of our current book at the Information Desk or call 732-4828.

## Marvelous Mehndi

Jan 15 | Tue | 5-6p  
Ages 13-18

Teens can come and enjoy the fun of temporary henna body art called Mehndi. Due to limited space call to reserve a spot: 732-4828.



Teens

## Chess Club

Jan 15 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p  
All Ages

Do you like chess? Everyone is welcome to the Midwest City Chess Club. Beginners can

learn new moves and veterans can sharpen their skills. Please pre-register due to limited space by calling 732-4828.

## Adventure Book Club

Jan 16 | Wed | 4-5p  
Ages 9-13

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

## Teen Knits: Teen Knitting Club

Jan 17 | Thur | 4-5p  
Ages 10-16

This is NOT your grandmother's knitting club. Join other teens in the Teen Knits: Teen Knitting Club. No registration required but bring your own materials.



Teens

## Talk It Up Book Club

Jan 17 | Thur | 4:30-5:30p  
Grades 4-6

Join us in the Talk It Up! Book Club! We will have a snack, play a game and make a craft! We will be discussing *The Spiderwick Chronicles, Book 1: The Field Guide* by Tony DiTerlizzi. You can pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk. Pre-registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

## Teen Reads!

Jan 22 | Tue | 4-5p  
Ages 10-16

Join us at Teen Reads where we will discuss our book of the month and have some



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snacks! Please pre-register by calling 732-4828. Pre-registration is required.

### Sudoku Society

**Jan 24 | Thur | 4-5p**  
**Ages 10-16**

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



### Philosopher's Café

**Jan 24 | Thur | 4:30-5:30p**  
**Grades 3-6**

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

### Child Guidance Consultation Appointments

**Jan 28 | Mon | 9a-4:30p**  
**Ages Birth-5 years**

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



### Toddler Aerobics

**Jan 28 | Mon | 10-10:30a**  
**Ages 2-5 with Parents**

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



### Temper, Temper! Handling Children's Tantrums

**Jan 28 | Mon | 5-6p**  
**Ages 2-5 with Parents**

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



### Whose Line? Improv Night!

**Jan 29 | Tue | 5-6p**  
**Ages 13-18**

Join us at Midwest City Library for fun improvisational theatre games based off the TV show, "Whose Line Is It Anyway." No experience required. Pre-register to perform by calling 732-4828 or just come and watch the show.



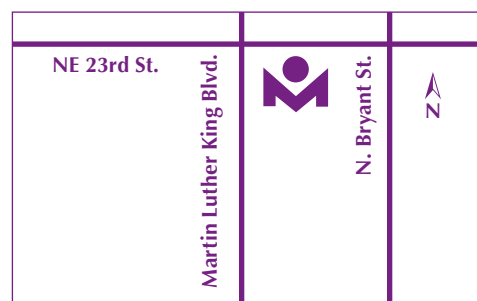
### Ralph Ellison Library

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

#### HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5  
Sun: Closed



### Let's Talk Toastmasters

**Jan 2,9,16,23,30 | 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

**Jan 5 | 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!

### Preschool Story Time

**Jan 8,22 | Tue | 10-10:40a**  
**Ages 1-5**

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



### AARP Monthly Meeting

**Jan 17 | Thur | 10-11:30a**  
**Adults 50+**

Discussion of issues affecting Seniors 50 years and older.

### Teen Action Group

**Jan 17 | Thur | 4:30-5p**  
**Ages 12-19**

The Teen Action Group (TAG) will meet once a month to help plan teen events, recommend books and movies and have fun. Come to the first meeting at 4:30 p.m. to find out more. Questions call 424-1437.



### Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Party

**Jan 17 | Thur | 5-6p**  
**Teens**

Come and celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day at the library and get free food, fun and door prizes.



### VITA Income Tax Assistance

**Jan 19,26 | Sat | 9a-5p**  
**Adults**

Trained volunteers will provide free basic tax help on 2007 returns. Bring a copy of last year's return, W-2 income forms, & information about deductions. A photo ID is required to file taxes.

### Southern Oaks Library

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

#### HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5  
Sun: 1-6



### Child Guidance Consultation Appointments

**Jan 4 | Fri | 9a-4p**  
**Ages Birth-5 years**

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





### Preschool Story Time

Jan 7,14,28 | Mon

10:30-11:15a

Ages 2-6 with Adult

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



### Interpreting Dreams for Self-Discovery

Jan 7 | Mon | 7-8p

Adults

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

### Southern Oaks Book Club

Jan 8 | Tue | 11:30a- 12:30p

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.

### SO Write: Creative Writing Club for Kids

Jan 17 | Thur | 4:30-5:30p

For Kids Ages 9-12

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

### Terrific Three's

Jan 18 | Fri | 2:30-3:30p

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



### Squirrel Appreciation Day. . . They're Coming!

Jan 19 | Sat | 2-4p

Teens

Why celebrate Squirrels? Why not! Come



celebrate these rowdy rodents by experiencing squirrel poetry, creating squirrel art and watching Rocky and Bullwinkle cartoons. Jan. 21st is the official Squirrel Appreciation Day. For more information about SAD go to: <http://christywisty.tripod.com>

### GED

Jan 23,28,30

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. Materials are furnished free. Questions? Please call the Mid-Del Adult Learning Ctr. at 739-1783.



### Parachute Play

Jan 25 | Wed | 10:30-11a

Ages 3-6 with Parents

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



## The Village Library

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

### HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5  
Sun: Closed

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

### To Be Announced...

#### The Village Library's Improv Group

Jan 4,18 | Fri | 5-6p

Teens

Come participate in hilarious games with the teen comedy improv group, "To Be Announced..." at the Village Library. No experience necessary! Sign-up at the Information Desk.



### Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Jan 7,14,28 | Mon

6:30-8:30p

Adults

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



### Babar and Me Yoga

Jan 8,15,22,29 | Tue

10-10:30a

Ages 2-5 years

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



### Family Place:

1-2-3 Play with Me

Jan 10,17,24,31 | Thur

10-11a

10 Months - 3 1/2 Years

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



### Children Reading to Dogs

Jan 10,17 | Thur

5:30-6:30p

Children who can read

Come and read to a dog! Readers can come to practice and improve their out-loud 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. Please pre-register at the Information Desk or call 755.0710.



### Gaming and Pizza

Jan 12 | Sat | 1-3:30p

Teens

Come to The Village Library and impress your friends with your skills on the Wii, Gamecube, and Playstation and enjoy free pizza! Pre-register at the Information Desk or by calling 755-0710.



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### Anime Club

**Jan 17 | Thur | 4-5p**

**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. Please pre-register at the Information Desk.



**Teens**

### Take a Look at Office 2007

**Jan 17 | Thur | 6:30-8p**

**Adults**

Free class for adults. Office 2007 contains a number of new features, the most notable of which is an entirely new user interface called the Ribbon, which replaces the menus and tool bars that have been the cornerstone of Office since its inception. Come in or call to sign up at 755-0710.



### When Will My Child Bloom

**Jan 24 | Thur | 5-6p**

**Adults**

We will focus on milestones of development for preschool age children and how individual children develop on their own time frame. These individual differences are a normal part of each child's development. Facilitated by Sarita Naegeli.



### Tai Chi with Mickey Sherman

**Jan 28 | Mon | 9-10a**

**Adults**

Join Tai Chi instructor Mickey Sherman for these free, fun and informative sessions. Every Monday morning for 16 weeks we will meet at 9 am. What a nice way to start the week! New participants can simply show up and check in with the instructor. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

### Book Discussion Group

**Jan 28 | Mon | 3-4p**

**Adults**

We always have a lot to say at the Village book discussion group! Join us this month on January 28 (not on our usual 3rd Monday of the month due to the MLK holiday) to discuss our latest pick. Copies of this month's title can be picked up at the Village Information Desk.

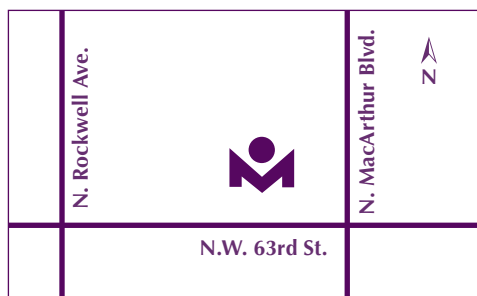
### Warr Acres Library

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

#### HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5  
Sun: Closed



### Coffee Break

**Jan 7 | Mon | 9:30-10:30a**

**Adults**

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

### Story Time for Preschoolers

**Jan 8, 22 | Tue**

**10:30-11:15a**

**Ages 2 1/2 to 5 years**

Children will enjoy stories and other fun activities with Miss Alma and her puppets. Please pre-register at 721-2616.



### Play Time for Babies and Tots

**Jan 9, 16, 23, 30 | 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.) Pre-register at 721-2616.



### Game Night

**Jan 10 | Thur | 7-8:30p**

**Teens**

We have a Wii, DDR, and Super Smash Brothers too. Come join the fun!



**Teens**

### Caldecott Art Club for Children

**Jan 12 | Sat | 10:30-11:30a**

**5 years and older**

Children and their families will have creative fun making 3-D art, after viewing illustrations of winners of the Caldecott medal. Join us on the second Saturday of each month. Please call 721-2616 to pre-register.

### Warr Acres Library Book Club

**Jan 14 | Mon | 11a-Noon**

**Adults**

*Kitchen Privileges* by Mary Higgins Clark will be discussed. The Book Club meets the second Monday of each month.

### Baby Games

**Jan 15 | Tue | 2:30-4p**

**Adults**

In this workshop learn how and why to play with your baby. Facilitated by Robyn Sears and Deborah Shapiro, Oklahoma City-County Health Department. Call 425-4412 to pre-register.



### Children Reading to Dogs

**Jan 17 | Thur**

**6:30-7:30p**

**Age 5 & Older**

Loveable dogs and their trained owners will help children develop reading skills. So grab a favorite book and enjoy a time of reading. Dogs and their owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams by Therapy Dogs International. Please pre-register at 721-2616 & join us the third Thursday of each month.



### Child Guidance Consultations

**Jan 25 | Fri | 9a-4p**

**Ages Birth-5 years**

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



### Organize Your World

**Jan 26 | Sat | 2-3p**

**Adults**

Karen Horner of Karen's Professional Services will show you how to "restore order to your space, clarity to your vision and freedom to your life" by organizing your papers, your home, your time and your life.

### AARP Tax Help

**Jan 28 | Mon | 9a-2p**

**Jan 31 | Thur | 9a-2p**

**Adults**

AARP Volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2007 state and federal tax returns starting Monday Jan. 28 and Thursday Jan. 31 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and every Monday and Thursday until Monday April 14. (No appointments; first come are first served.)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Libraries Closed	2	3	4	5
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20	21 Libraries Closed	22	23	24	25	26
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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.**

Blake, Michael F. (Michael Francis). *A Thousand Faces: Lon Chaney's Unique Artistry in Motion Pictures*.  
791.43028/B636t/BIOGRAPHY

Do you remember the actor who played The Wolfman so memorably in those 1940s horror movies? He was Lon Chaney, Jr., son of the most famous character actor/star to come out of the era of silent movies. Chaney Sr. was living in Oklahoma City when Chaney Jr. was born. He doubled as a furniture salesman/vaudeville performer. Author Michael Blake, a make-up artist on everything from Independence Day to Spider-Man 3, spent years researching Chaney's life and art. Take a look.

Klugman, Jack. *Tony and Me: A Story of Friendship, by Jack Klugman with Burton Rocks*.  
791.45/K668t/BIOGRAPHY

Another well-known actor from Oklahoma was born Arthur Leonard Rosenberg in Tulsa in 1920, but was much better known as Tony Randall. Randall starred on radio as Reggie on "I Love a Mystery," made several light weight comedic movies, and then found his greatest fame as the persnickety Felix Unger on TV's "The Odd Couple." His TV co-star, Jack Klugman, has written a warm and loving tribute to his professional and personal pal.





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<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>DOWNTOWN</b> 300 Park Ave., OKC, 231-8650	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
<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
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<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	—

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<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	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9-5	9-5	—
<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.