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## New *info*

Many Oklahomans say they like our state because it has four distinct seasons, and each of them has something special to add to our pleasure—but mention January to them and they freeze up faster than the hose you forgot to take off the faucet.

*Info* for January is full of things you can do at your library if the weather is good enough to let you out of the house, and things to do at our website if it isn't.

We'll show you how to find the information you need every day by visiting the @ Your Service page at [www.metrolibrary.org](http://www.metrolibrary.org), and how to catch up watching our videos about Oklahoma Images segments online if you missed seeing them on television.

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## Oklahoma Images

# For Your Ice Only

**There was a time when ice was crucial to the operation of the modern city.**

*by Larry Johnson*

**N**owadays, we seem to regard annual ice storms in much the same way we once did tornadoes. Who knows, maybe by our sesquicentennial we'll work ice, downed power lines, and cracked timber into our state marketing plan as well as we have done with the mighty twister.

There was a time when ice was crucial to the operation of the modern city. We've all mused at our grandparents' quaint stories of having ice delivered to their homes by wagon and placed in the household icebox, but we rarely wonder much beyond these tales of the good old days and go on to examine ice and the role it played in our ancestors' lives.

Ice had long been used by humanity to preserve food and tame fevers, but the thought of plopping a couple of cubes in a glass to cool a drink was an unheard of luxury. As Oklahoma City entered its teen years, refrigeration technology had improved to the point that icehouses moved from storing ice blocks cut from frozen lakes to creating ice all year round for commercial and residential markets.







The icehouse was centrally located and huge blocks of ice were distributed to icedocks around the city. By 1925, there were some 40 icedocks dotting the map around town. These docks served as distribution points for home delivery wagons or for direct purchase by the public. The large blocks were once cut by teams of men using two-handed saws, but the development of the electric radial saw sliced the cutting time from a couple of hours by hand to just thirty minutes.

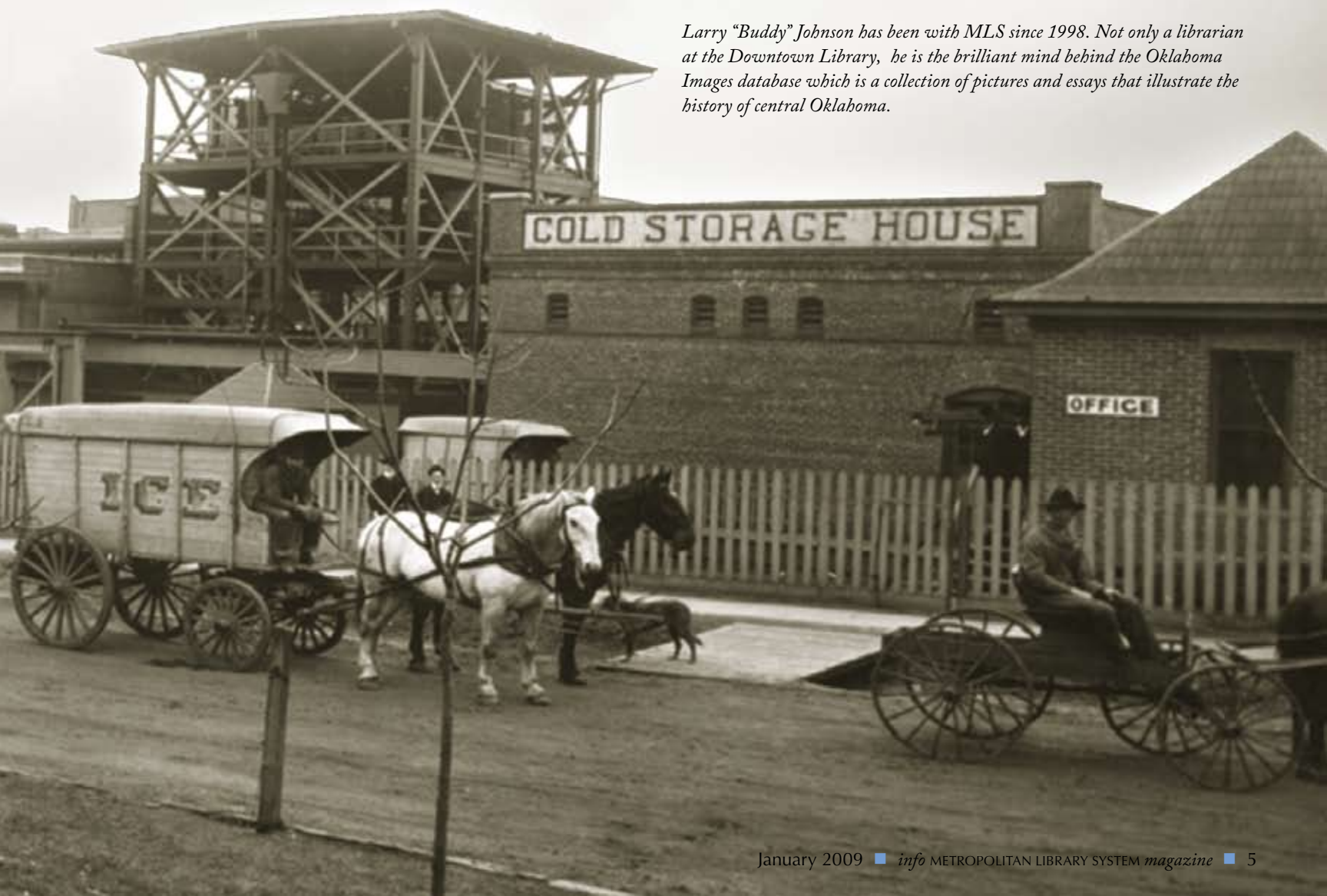
At times the Oklahoma City market supported six icehouses and ice delivery was competitive and largely controlled by labor unions. Typically, customers placed a card in the front window of their home requesting 12, 25, 50 or 100 pound blocks of ice



and the delivery wagon brought the ice later in the day. As seen in this photo, the work was physically demanding and was often quite dangerous. If air pockets formed in a block, it could shatter when gripped by the tongs, resulting in gruesome wounds from ice shards (author Ralph Ellison's father was killed in this manner).

In the 1910s, demand for ice in Oklahoma City outpaced the supply and shortages occurred during the summer months. The situation grew so dire, that in 1920, the city considered issuing bonds to build a municipal ice plant and regulate ice production as a public utility. Relief was not far off, though, as the arrival of the first home refrigerators came in the late 1920s.

*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.*





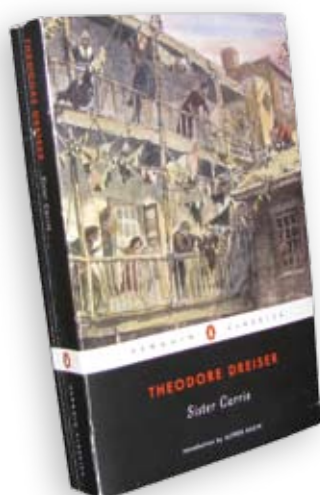
# Reviews & Recommendations



## Sister Carrie

by Theodore Dreiser

Reviewed by Doug Bentin



Someone once said about the literary movements “realism” and “naturalism” that realism is what your house looks like when you’re expecting company, and naturalism is what it looks like the rest of the time. Victorian novelist George Eliot defined realism as the “faithful representation of commonplace things”. Naturalism takes a step or two down and faithfully reproduces everyday things after they’ve been left out in the rain and kicked into the cellar.

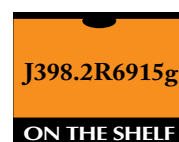
*Sister Carrie* was one of the first American naturalist novels, and still one of the most powerful. It’s the story of a simple country girl, Caroline Meeber, and her life’s journey from the lower class sweatshops of Chicago to the glamorous times of a famous actress. But Carrie

puts in years along the way as the mistress of a rich man whose passion for her leads to his degradation and downfall. There’s nothing cheerful here. What can you expect from a novel the last line of which is “What’s the use?”

As a picture of working conditions among the poor during the late nineteenth century the book is fascinating. As a psychological portrait of a society becoming urban and uncaring, it’s terrifying.

This title is also available as a WMA Audiobook.

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## The Ghost of Mingo Creek and Other Spooky Oklahoma Legends

by Greg Rodgers

Reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



It’s the time of year for gathering around campfires, sipping hot cocoa and telling spooky stories. Now we have eight eerie new tales to choose from in *The Ghost of Mingo Creek and Other Spooky Oklahoma Legends*.

If a headless ghost is your thing, try the title story. Kids from small towns usually know of a local place that’s haunted; in Ardmore it’s Mr. Apple’s grave, which actually exists. You can go there and search for a worn path encircling his tomb. Ride a rural route with a young paperboy and feel the fear when he glimpses the glowing eyes of an escaped lion hiding in the bushes.

The stories are based on Oklahoma legends that have been orally passed down or recorded

in archives. They showcase Oklahoma industry, geography and culture. *Jimmy the Doodlebug* sprang from Oklahoma’s early oil exploration. *The Kiamichi Bigfoot* and the *Red River Monster Fish* focus on Oklahoma’s forests and waterways.

In addition to being highly entertaining and spooky, the stories lightly touch on ethics, warning against greed, pride, mob psychology, etc. This book will be gratefully welcomed into an area of sparse coverage—books for kids about Oklahoma.

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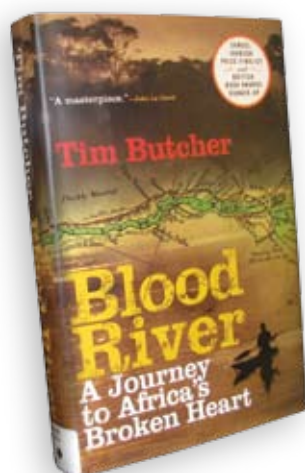
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ON THE SHELF

## Blood River: A Journey to Africa's Broken Heart

by Tim Butcher

Reviewed by Christine Bassett



British journalist Tim Butcher became obsessed with retracing the footsteps of explorer H. M. Stanley's famous expedition and with following the 3,000 kilometer journey along the Congo River from coast to coast.

Fifty years previously the Democratic Republic of Congo had a modern network of roads, railways and river transportation, but today none of that exists. The only practical way of getting around the country today would be by air. However, Butcher decides to make the perilous journey on foot, by canoe and by motor bike in order to follow the river as closely as possible, a feat that even the natives think is far

too dangerous because there are still Hutu warriors wreaking murder and mayhem in the countryside.

As Tim Butcher remarks, "the Congo had more potential than any other African nation, more diamonds, more gold...." but now "much of its territory has been abandoned to a feral state of lawlessness and brutality." Butcher makes a remarkable journey and this is a remarkable book that is thoroughly engaging and thought provoking.

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

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## Rockin' Bones: 1950s Punk and Rockabilly

Various Artists

Reviewed by Christopher Carroll



The artists represented on this riveting 4-CD box set were present at the creation of a massively influential cultural movement. Fusing hard country twang, forbidden African-American blues, and do-it-yourself production values, the 1950s rockabilly pioneers on *Rockin' Bones* invented a sound and an attitude that would shape popular culture well into the 21st century.

This lovingly compiled set places icons like Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Buddy Holly side by side with utterly obscure singers who helped shape the rockabilly sound. The "Punk" element alluded to in the set's subtitle can be found in the unbridled spirit of singers like Oklahoma City's Wanda Jackson, whose "Fujiyama Mama" is propelled by raw vocals and a lascivious beat. Songs like Ronnie Hawkins's "Who Do You Love" and Johnny Kidd's "Shakin' All Over" are essential touchstones in rock and roll history and sound incredibly vital even today.

The extensively researched liner notes provide fascinating short profiles of the singers on *Rockin' Bones*, so many of whom vanished into obscurity

after releasing one or two rumbling singles. Short essays by later rockabilly-influenced artists like Billy Gibbons of ZZ Top and Mike Ness of Social Distortion argue for the lasting legacy of this primal sound.

And it's the sound that is so often remarkable on these discs. The precise, echoing twang of genius guitarist James Burton is featured on several songs, and his rise from the anonymous sideman of one-hit-wonders to the invaluable musical partner of Ricky Nelson and Elvis mirrors the stratospheric launch of rock and roll. The 101 songs on *Rockin' Bones* reveal a critical moment in the middle of the century when music simultaneously looked back at American traditions and African roots and shot itself forward into an electric future. And nothing has ever sounded better blaring out of cheap car speakers on a lonely highway at night.

*Christopher Carroll is the MLS Development Specialist and is currently attending the Master of Library and Information Science program at the University of Oklahoma. He has a list of books he someday plans to read that is 69 pages long at the time of this writing.*



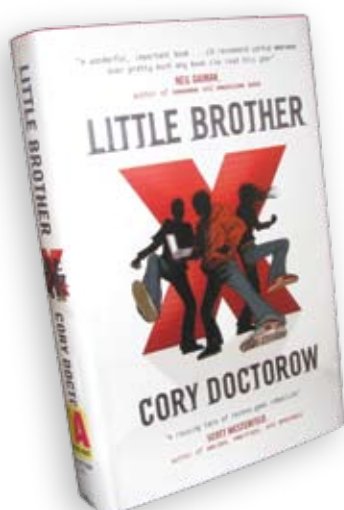
# Reviews & Recommendations



## Little Brother

By Cory Doctorow

Reviewed by Jana Hausburg



*"Guards shouted at us to be quiet and that just made everyone yell louder. Eventually we were all howling, screaming our heads off, screaming our throats raw. Why not? What did we have to lose?"*

You probably know one of those kids: the 5-year-old who uses Google to find games on PBS Kids, the 10-year-old who can DVR his favorite TV shows for the entire week, the teenager who uses MySpace, edits his own digital film, and texts his friends via his cellphone at the same time.

Marcus is that kind of kid. He frequently spoofs his school's gait-recognition software so he can leave early. He always bypasses the web browser provided by school administrators (a system which also records every click) to log onto an encrypted indie browser – a brilliant mechanism for getting around government-approved censorship.

It's this kind of activity that frequently gets

Marcus into trouble with the school vice-principal. But when he happens to be in the wrong place at the wrong time, the stakes are much higher than being expelled. Apprehended by Homeland Security and subjected to enhanced interrogation methods, Marcus gets a glimpse into his city's descent into a police state and he doesn't like what he sees.

Embracing his inner techno-geek, Marcus vows to use his hacker skills to fight back against a government gone mad. He teams up with other like-minded, techno-savvy teens to wage digital disobedience in a fight to forge a future where free speech and civil protest remain a treasured tenet of American democracy.

*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.*



## The Golden Rat

by Don Wulffson

Reviewed by Kim Ventrella



It is no secret that 16-year old Baoliu resents his father's new wife. So when the new wife turns up dead, Baoliu quickly becomes the main suspect. At the trial, no one, not even Baoliu's family, speaks up in his defense, so the judge has no choice but to sentence the boy to death. The night before the execution, Baoliu's father comes with bitter news. Baoliu will be set free, but only because his father has paid for a substitute to die in his place. Once he is free, this gruesome ritual plagues Baoliu. He is shunned and harassed by people in the street, and his own family will no longer speak with him; so he is forced to live on the street and forage for food. In a desperate attempt to understand what has happened, he seeks out the

family of the man who died in his place.

This intense mystery set in Yongjia, China, in the year 1199, will hook readers who like punchy action, a little history, and a new twist on the urban survival tale. Wulffson includes occasional Chinese dialogue to lend authenticity, though many of the English phrasings sound far too modern for the time period. Baoliu is a sympathetic, though not fully-developed character. However, the length (168 pages), action and fast-pace make this a good choice for young readers interested in the topic.

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





# Check Out @ Your Service

## *for Your Immediate Information Needs*

We may be past the shopping season, but there's still something inviting about the phrase "one stop shopping." When it comes to shopping for the kind of information you need every day, did you know that the Metropolitan Library System web site is a good place to start? In fact, it may be the only virtual stop you'll need to make. On our webpage, [www.metrolibrary.org](http://www.metrolibrary.org), look for "Quick Links." Now let your eyes skim down the page until you get to "@ Your Service" and click. You'll be amazed at the bounty of information we've corralled for you all in one place.

You know that at some point during the day you're going to need to know about the local weather for one of two reasons: either you're going to have to venture out into it, or you're going to find yourself in a conversation about it. You know it's true. What kind of Oklahoman can go a full 24 hours without talking/laughing/complaining/wondering about our crazy weather?

@ Your Service can take you directly to the Weather Channel website, specifically to the Oklahoma

section. You can find out whether or not you're going to need a sweater today, and check out the 10 day forecast.

Want to scan the headlines during your lunch break? Check the National News section, with reports from some of the world's most respected news sources, including CNN, the BBC, and The New York Times. Local news is also available from KFOR, NewsOK, The Black Chronicle, and KOCO.

Need to get to an Oklahoma County, City or state website? We link you to them with a single click. We can also connect you to government documents, tax forms, USPS, UPS, FED X, The New York Times Bestseller List, and Merriam Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus.

Looking for something to do next Saturday? Pass through @ Your Service and find links connecting you to Bricktown, The Ford Center, The Oklahoma Civic Center, as well as movie and restaurant guides.

Hey, did you fall asleep during the game on TV last night and now you wonder who won? Go to our Sports section.

Need more than one bit of quick data? Yeah, we're the ones who have it all under a single roof for one stop information shopping, and it's all easy to get to. Make [www.metrolibrary.org/atyourservice.htm](http://www.metrolibrary.org/atyourservice.htm) your home page.

So what are you waiting for? Start shopping!







# HEARD ANY OKLAHOMA IMAGES LATELY?

Since the first issue of *info* came your way, one of our most popular features has been the monthly “Oklahoma Images” article. You know that these print histories are drawn from the vintage pictures in the Oklahoma Images collection on our website, but did you know that you can now hear the stories behind these pictures?







Videos about Oklahoma Images run weekly on the library television program *Read About It* on Cox Channel 7, Saturday mornings at 10:30, but if you can't watch it live you can now watch Oklahoma Images segments on our website. Just go to [www.metrolibrary.org](http://www.metrolibrary.org) and click on Oklahoma Memories at the bottom of the page. Now click on "Videos About Oklahoma Images" and start browsing. Oklahoma writer/historian Bob Burke tells the tales.

The idea of filming "Oklahoma Images" segments for television and the MLS website sprang from the success we had with our series of "Oklahoma Moments," a collection of anecdotes about interesting people and events from our state's history that we aired on *Read About It* during the Oklahoma Centennial year, 2007. Former Governor George Nigh told those stories and they become even more popular when they moved to our website.

"Oklahoma Images" was spun off and lightning struck twice!

Some favorite stories include the one about the Cattlemen's Convention of 1914 and the resultant city-wide party. Another is of Oklahoma City's first Post Office, a ramshackle structure of logs, wood paneling and corrugated iron at 8 West Main that was slapped together in 1889.

Another fascinating story is the one about The Avery Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, the roots of which stretch back to 1889. It was in the parsonage of this church that the young Ralph Ellison moved with his mother in 1917, after his father's death. It was in the church's library that he first fell in love with books and writing.

"I have always said that the real story of Oklahoma is in its people," said Bob Burke. How true that is.

Join Bob by going to the Oklahoma Memories section of our website, [www.metrolibrary.org](http://www.metrolibrary.org).



## Midwest City Library

Here's some real MLS trivia—did you know that the original Midwest City Library was located on a golf course? It was a 4,500 square foot structure that had been the Municipal Golf Course building.

That was long ago. Midwest City established library service in 1955 and joined the Metropolitan Library System in 1965 when country-wide service began, but it took until 1983 for Midwest City officials to adopt a building program and select a site for a state-of-the-art facility. On March 26, 1985, Midwest City voters passed a \$2.85-million bond issue.

The library building that is still serving Midwest City opened in September 14, 1987, at 8143 E. Reno. It is 36,200 square feet with a shelving capacity of 90,000 volumes.

The library's new manager is Chris Kennedy, previously the manager of the Noble Library. Chris said, "I am excited to be in Midwest City. The library is a wonderful facility and the staff has been incredibly supportive. I look forward to working with my staff to partner with community agencies as we work to make the Midwest City Library the best it can be."



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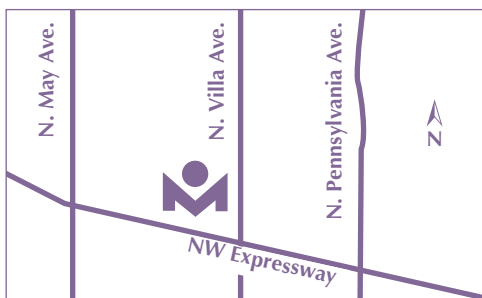
All MLS libraries will be closed Jan. 1 in observance of the New Year's holiday, and on Jan. 19, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

### 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



### Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County

Jan 15 | Thur | 3:30-5p

Belle Isle Library  
5501 N. Villa  
OKC, OK 73112  
405.843.9601

The public is welcome to attend.



### Bethany Library

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

#### HOURS

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



### Score Small Business Counseling

Jan 3, 17 | 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.

### English Classes: Learn English as a Second Language

Jan 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29

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

#### Adults

Ongoing enrollment. With Oklahoma City Public Schools. You can join the class at any time. Improve your English speaking, reading, and writing skills in this free class for people who are new to the English language. For questions and to register, come to the class.



### Metro OKC Knit Guild Group Meeting

Jan 18 | Sun | 3-5p

#### Teens and adults

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

### Who Likes the Snow

Jan 27 | Tue | 10-10:45a

#### Pre-kindergarten

Do you like snow and all that it brings? Hear Miss B share stories about snow. There will be a hands-on activity and a snack. Come join in the fun. Pre-register at the Reference Desk 843-9601.



### Parent Talk

Jan 5 | Mon | 1-4:30p

Ages birth to 5 years with Parent/Guardian

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



### Fun, Snacks, Coffee & Games

Jan 16 | Fri | 10-11:30a

#### Adults

Fun! Snacks! Coffee! Tea & Games! It's the 3rd Friday of the month and time to get together. Bring your own game if you want or we will furnish one.

### Stuffed Animal Workshop

Jan 17 | 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 and Play Time**  
**Jan 22 | 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 29 | Thur | 10-10:45a**  
**Ages 3-6 years**



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

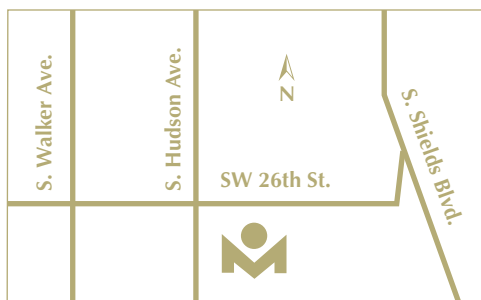
**Capitol Hill Library**

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

**HOURS**

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

Sat: 9-5  
 Sun: Closed



**Pre-K Storytime/Cuentos para Niños**  
**Jan 6,13,20,27 | Tues**  
**10:30-11a & 1:30-2p**  
**Pre-kindergarten**



Stories, games, fingerplays in English and Spanish (as requested) for children. Cuentos, juegos, etc. en español y ingles (a peticion) para niños.

**Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance**  
**Jan 8,15,22,29 | Thur | 6-7:30p**  
**Adults**

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance of Oklahoma meets each Thursday evening for group support, films, lectures, etc.

**Internet Basics**

**Jan 10 | Sat | 2-3p**  
**Adults**



This class is designed for adults & seniors who know very little about the internet, but who want to learn more. 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.

**Tutoring**

**Jan 15 | Thur | 6-7p**  
**All ages**

Hey students! Need help with homework? Stop in every Thursday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and let our special homework helpers lend a hand. All subjects covered. Call Angela at 634-6308 for more information.

**Proper Pet Care**

**Jan 24 | Sat | 2-3p**  
**All ages**

This program will present information on providing the proper care for owning pets, and the humane standards in the treatment of animals. Co-sponsor: Volunteers for Animal Welfare.

**Gamefest**

**Jan 31 | Sat | 1-3p**  
**Ages 10-16**



Hey teens! Join us for an afternoon of gaming with PS2, Gamecube, and Wii. Try your hand at Guitar Hero or challenge others to a Mario Kart race. Call Angela at 634-6308 for more information.

**Choctaw Library**

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

**HOURS**

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

Sat: 9-5  
 Sun: Closed



**Lapsit Story Time**

**Jan 6,13,20,27 | Tue**  
**9:30-10a**



**Ages 6 months-3 years**

Join us for simple songs, rhymes, and

stories for parents and babies to enjoy together. Please call 390-8418 or stop by the Reference Desk to sign up.

**Story Time**

**Jan 6,13,20,27 | 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.



**Family Place: Open Play**

**Jan 10 | Sat | 10-11a**  
**Ages 6 months to 5 years**  
**with Parents/Legal Guardian**



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

**Between Books**

**Jan 10 | Sat | 2:30-3:30p**  
**Grades 3-6**

Share favorite reads and stretch your reading comfort zone. Stop in and have some hot chocolate and play some favorite board games. Pre-register at 390-8418.

**GED**

**Jan 12,14,21,26,28**  
**Mon & Wed | 9-11a**  
**16 years & older**



Students are invited to attend free GED classes on Mondays and Wednesday at the Choctaw Library. Review English, social studies, science and math skills in preparation for the GED test. Materials are provided. Students are encouraged to use the Learning Express ONLINE practice tests database at the library website: [www.metrolibrary.org](http://www.metrolibrary.org)

Classes are open to students 16 years and older who are not currently enrolled in high school. For students age 16-17, an official withdrawal slip is required. Co-sponsor: OCCC and State Dept. of Education.

**Conversational Spanish**

**Jan 12,26 | Mon | 5-6p**  
**Teens and adults**



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

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

**Jan 14,21,28 | Wed | 5:30-6:30-p**  
**Ages 16 and older**

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

### T'ai Chi With Chris Francis-Advanced Group

**Jan 14,21,28 | Wed | 6:30-7:30p**  
**Age 16 and older**

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

### Gamefest

**Jan 15 | Thur | 6-7:30p**  
**Teens**

We will have Wii, PS2 and Gamecube games to play! Refreshments will also be provided. Sign up early to save your spot. Just call 390-8418.



### Children Reading to Dogs

**Jan 21 | Wed | 4-5p**  
**Children who can read**

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



### Parachute Play

**Jan 30 | Fri | 10:30-11a**  
**Ages 3-6**

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



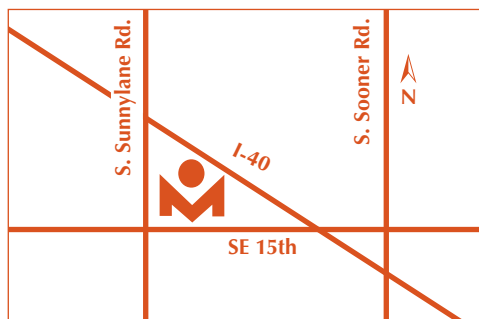
### Del City Library

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

#### HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5  
Sun: Closed



### Annual Doll and Stuffed Animal Parade

**Jan 10 | Sat | 2-3:30p**  
**Ages 4-12 years**

Bring your favorite cuddly buddy to the Del City Library's Annual Doll and Stuffed Animal Parade. Judges will award a ribbon to every child prior to the parade, which takes place in the library. Make new friends, have a snack after, and have an afternoon of fun.



### Play Time

**Jan 15 | Thur | 10-11a**  
**Ages 6 months-3 years**

Toddlers and young children are invited to play at the library! Lesley Garrison from Family Expectations will share parenting tips.



### Vegetarian and Vegan Cooking for a Healthy New Year

**Jan 20 | Tue | 7-8p**  
**Adults**

It's the start of a new year and a great time to adopt a fresh, new approach to achieving a healthy lifestyle. Come sample a variety of vegetarian and vegan dishes and watch a demonstration of a simple vegetarian dish that you can make at home. Please call 672-1377 for more information and to register.

### My Favorite Colors Storytime

**Jan 21 | Wed | 10-10:20a**  
**Ages 1-5**

Is your favorite color pink, or blue? Do you like purple, or black? Come in out of the cold and learn about a rainbow of colors at Del City Library's My Favorite Colors Storytime, and make some colors of your own with fun coloring activities.



### Ductivities! How to Make Things Out of Duct Tape

**Jan 22 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p**  
**Ages 10-16**

Learn how to make things out of duct tape! Use this silver wonder on a roll to create a wallet, book cover, picture frame, bookmark, bracelet, or anything else your imagination can come up with. Materials will be provided for you. Please call 672-1377 for more information and to register.



**Teens**

### Happy Birthday Storytime

**Jan 27 | Tue | 6:30-7:15p**  
**Ages 4-8**

You and your friends are one year older, and what better way to celebrate than with stories and birthday cake? Come join the Del City Library for Happy Birthday Storytime. Fun activities will follow stories. Don't miss your chance to celebrate your special day!

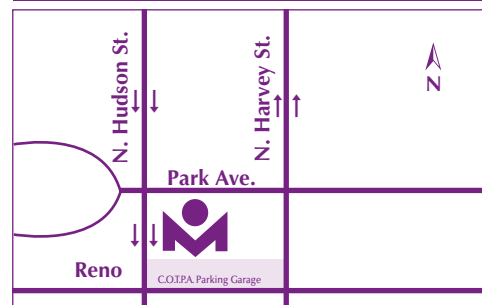
### Downtown Library

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

#### HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5  
Sun: 1-6



### Dear Mr. President: Photography Exhibit

**Jan 2-29 | Library Hours**

**All ages**  
The Photography Exhibit, Dear Mr. President, will open in the Downtown Library Jan. 2 and continue through Jan. 29. On Jan. 10, 2-4p.m. will be a reception for M.J. Alexander, creator of the photographic exhibit.

### Play With Me

**Jan 2 | Fri | 10-11a**  
**Infants to 5 years**  
**with Parents/Legal Guardian**

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







# Begin the New Year by Learning Some New Computer Skills!

*The Digital World is Waiting to Be Explored!*

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

**Jan. 20** Computer Basics with Microsoft Word

**Feb. 17** Computer Basics with Email

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

**Apr. 21** PowerPoint

**May 19** Job Searching and Resumes

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

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



## Wednesday Night at the Movies

**Jan 7,14,21,28 | Wed | 6-8p**

**Ages 13 and older**

Join the Downtown Library for Wednesday Night at the Movies! For more information call 606-3876. The January movie schedule is:

Jan 7: *The Poseidon Adventure*

Jan 14: *Raising Arizona* (PG-13)

Jan 21: *Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World* (PG-13)

Jan 28: *Walk the Line* (PG-13)

## Noon Tunes

**Jan 8,15,22,29 | Thur**

**11:30a-1p**

**All ages**



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

Jan 8: *The Crim Duo - Cello and guitar*

Jan 15: *Panhandlers' Trio - Roots/ Americana Acoustical Music*

Jan 22: *OCU Guitar Students - Solos and Ensembles*

Jan 29: *The Latin Trio - Salsa and Cumbia style music*

## PM Play with Me!

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

**Infants - 5 years w/adult**



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

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

## Preschool Aerobics

**Jan 9 | Fri | 10-10:30a**

**Infants to 5 years**

**with Parents/Legal Guardian**



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

## Dear Mr. President Exhibit & Artist Reception

**Jan 10 | Sat | 2-4p**

**All ages**

M.J. Alexander, creator of the Mr. President photograph exhibit, will share her inspiration and more about Wilson Arts-Integration Elementary School students who were her models for this exhibit. Each child had advice for the new President-elect Obama and shared their advice with Ms. Alexander. These humorous bits of wisdom will not only lighten your day but touch your hearts. Everyone is invited to hear Ms. Alexander and to view the photography exhibit. Reception will follow.

## Second Sunday Music

**Jan 11 | Sun | 2-3p**

**All ages**



Hear concert pianist, Amy I-Lin Chang perform for this Second Sunday Concert. She has previously performed in venues ranging from Carnegie Hall to the National Recital Hall of Taiwan and with the Oklahoma City Symphony. Her outstanding musical talent

will delight everyone attending in the 46th Star Auditorium. Free admission. Questions? Call 606-3878.

## Computer Basics and Microsoft Word

**Jan 20 | Tue | 6-7:30p**

**All ages**



Join us at the Downtown Library for a computer basics class. The class will offer beginning instruction on computer issues using Microsoft Word such as creating, saving and printing a document. This is the first in a series of classes that will be held the 3rd Tuesday of every month. All classes will be held in the Route 66 computer lab on the first floor of the Downtown Library. For further information please contact Wendy at 606-3876.

## Parent Talk & Teacher Talk

**Jan 22 | Thur | 2-4p**

**For parents/teachers of children 12 and younger**



Are you looking for new parenting or teacher ideas? Are you looking for answers to important questions about your child or classroom setting? If so, then Parent Talk or Teacher Talk may be for you in providing individual appointments or walk-up opportunities in the Children's Area. Child Development Specialist, Katherine Broekhuysen, and Speech-Language Therapist, Louise Hagar, will talk about concerns, appropriate classroom set-up, or behavior and guidance. Call 425-4412 for more information. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

### Hayao Miyazaki Film Festival

Jan 31 | Sat | 10a-4:30p

#### All ages

To kick off the 2nd annual Asian Festival, the Downtown Library is proud to present a Film Festival of the works of Hayao Miyazaki, award-winning and renowned animator and director. Films shown will be *My Neighbor Totoro*, *Castle in the Sky* and *Spirited Away*. Call 606-3876 for more information.

### Edmond Library

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

#### HOURS

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

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	E. 2nd St.		

### Farsi Language Class

Jan 4,11,18,25 | Sun  
1:30-2:30p

#### Adults

Learn the Farsi (Persian) 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 written and spoken Farsi will be introduced.



### Preschool Story Time

Jan 5,12,26 | Mon  
10-10:30a

#### Ages 3-5

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



### Lapsit: Playtime and Story Time

Jan 6,13,20 | Tue  
9:30-10a & 10:15-10:45a  
& 11-11:30a

#### Ages Birth-2 Years

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



### Chess Club for Kids

Jan 6,20 | Tue | 3:30-5p  
Ages 8-13

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

### 55+ Coffee Break

Jan 7,14,21,28 | Wed | 9:30-11a  
Seniors

Come to the Edmond Library for a coffee break made just for you. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be served along with light refreshments. Mingle and talk about your favorite books, enjoy Scrabble, or bring your own game. We will have some books on the side for you to browse.

### Computer Instruction with Eddie

Jan 7,14,21,28 | Wed  
1-5p

#### Ages 18 & older

Free! Join Eddie for individual instruction on the computer. Every Wednesday, assistance is offered in increments of 30 minutes to an hour. Call (405) 341-9282, ext. 3 to sign up for your time.



### Edmond Manga and Anime Club

Jan 8 | Thur | 4-5p  
Teens

Local teens meet and discuss current Manga and Anime, review anime titles (titles are rated PG 13/14 and up for language and violence), and work on club projects. Ages 12 and older are welcome to come and take part. Club meets on second Thursday of the month at 4pm. Parents should be aware content is suited for PG and up viewers and readers.



### Children Reading to Dogs

Jan 8,15,22,29 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p  
For children who read

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

### Music With Susan

Jan 9,23 | Fri | 9:30-10a  
or 10:15-10:45a  
Ages 2-3

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



### Music With Susan

Jan 9,23 | Fri | 11-11:30a  
Ages 4-5

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



### Reader's Choice Book Discussion

Jan 10 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon  
Seniors

The Reader's Choice group will encourage you to read and discuss outstanding contemporary fiction. Visit a meeting and enjoy lively discussions. The book being reviewed is *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett. Reserve your copy early.

### Story Time With Angela

Jan 10 | Sat | 10:30-11:15a  
Ages 4-6

Come in out of the cold and join Miss Angela for a musical story time and make your own musical instrument. Please register at the Children's Desk or by calling 341-9282, x4. Registration begins December 22.



### The Edmond Book Bunch

Jan 10 | Sat | 2-3p  
Seniors

The Edmond Library Book Bunch meets once a month at the Edmond Library. The title for this month's discussion is *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Although the group is currently full please call 341-9282 to get on the waiting list.

### English as a Second Language

Jan 12,14,21,26,28  
Mon & Wed | 1-4p  
Adults

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





# January/February Thursday Noon Tunes

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

**Jan. 8:** The Crim Due - classical guitar & cello

**Jan. 15:** Panhandlers' Trio - Roots/American music

**Jan. 22:** OCU Guitar Students - classical guitar

**Jan. 29:** The Latin Trio - Salsa and Cumbia

**Feb. 5:** Roger Lienke - singer/songwriter

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

**Feb. 19:** Dolce - folk/rock

**Feb. 26:** Sequoyah Elementary Choir and Strings

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

All performances are free and open to the public.



## ESL/Citizenship

**Jan 12,14,21,26,28**

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

**Adults**

Learn English as a second language. Improve your speaking, writing and listening skills in English. Register with the instructor on the first day you attend class. Prepare for the U.S. Citizenship class. Free. Co-sponsor: OCCC.



## GED

**Jan 13,15,20,22,27,29**

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

**Age 18 & older**

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



## Parent Talk

**Jan 14 | Wed | 10:30a-5p**

**Parents**

Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development as well as any parenting questions you may have in the areas of Speech, Language, Development, and Behavior. Children do not have to be present at these sessions. Free of charge. Please call 425-4412, Child Guidance to schedule your appointment! Clinicians: Robyn Sears M.S. Child Development Specialist. Louise Hagar M.S. CCC-SLP Speech-Language



Pathologist. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Dept.

## So Many Books, So Little Time Story Hour

**Jan 15 | Thur | 3:45-4:45p**

**Grades 1-3**

Join us for a story time devoted to our favorite authors or special themes. We'll have stories to read or tell and activities or crafts to go along with them. Registration begins Dec. 22. Pre-register by calling 341-9282 x 4 or stop by the Children's Desk at the library.

## CyberMARS for Seniors

**Jan 17 | Sat | 2-3p**

**Adults**

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



## Sustainable Edmond

**Jan 20 | Tue | 7-9p**

**Adults**

At this monthly meeting of Sustainable Edmond members discuss how to improve quality of life in our community in ways that

make sense economically, environmentally, and socially. Sustainable Edmond promotes environmental stewardship through individual, community, and business understanding of environmental concerns. Chapter of Sustainable Oklahoma.

## Readers' Theatre: Acting Without Memorizing

**Jan 22 | Thur | 3:45-4:45p**

**Ages 8-11**

Do you like to be in plays, but you don't want to memorize your part? Do you like to talk like other people or animals? Can you sound like a wizard, a king, a grumpy bear or a robot? Then Readers' Theatre might be just the thing for you! Join us and try out this fun and easy way to develop your acting talents. Registration begins Dec. 22. Please pre-register by calling 341-9282, x 4 or stop by the Children's Desk at the library.

## Lapsit: Toddlerobics and Story Time

**Jan 27 | Tue**

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

**& 11-11:30a**

**Ages Birth-2 Years**

Enjoy a special time with your young child at the library. We will have a short session of aerobics followed by a circle time that emphasizes group participation, early literacy skills, books and language development.



### Boosting Your Child's Brain Power

**Jan 28 | Wed | 3:30-5p**  
**Adults**

This workshop will focus on fun, age appropriate activities that will not only enhance the relationship between you and your child, but will be developmentally stimulating. Playing helps your child to develop emotionally, physically, socially and cognitively. Call 425-4412 to register. Workshops facilitated by Robyn Sears and Louise Hagar. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City County Health Department.



bon during the past year, either from a guest artist or from other members of the guild.

### Community Quilting Class with Soldier Creek Quilting Group

**Jan 5,12,26 | Mon | 9:15a-1:30p**  
**Adults**

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

### Lapsit, Play and Storytime

**Jan 5,12 | Tue | 10-10:45a and 11-11:45a**  
**10 Months to 3 years with parents**

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



### Mid-Del Toastmasters

**Jan 6,13,20,27 | Tue | 6-8p**  
**Adults**

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

### Parachute Play

**Jan 7 | Wed | 10:30-11a**  
**Ages 3-6 with parents**

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



### Book Bug Club

**Jan 8 | Thur | 4-5p**  
**Grades 1-3**

Join us in the Book Bug Club! We will have a snack, play a game and make a craft. We will be discussing *Owl Moon* by Jane Yolen. 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.



### Secrets of Weight Loss

**Jan 8,15,22,29 | Thur | 7-8p**  
**Adults**

Resolving to lose weight again? This time succeed! Learn what sabotages good intentions and how to lose the fat permanently. Classes include "The Low Glycemic Plan—Controlling the Hormones that Control your Weight," "Sneaking in the Exercise," "Change What's Eating You To Change What You Eat," and "Keeping On Keeping It Off." Taught by Susan Brown, certified weight loss coach. Participants who attend all four classes will receive a free personal assessment and coaching session with the instructor. Register at the Information Desk, or call 732-4828.

### Hunter Safety Education

**Jan 10 | Sat | 9a-2:30p**  
**Ages 10 and older**

This home-study-based course is designed to improve your hunter safety skills and performance on hunter safety tests. You must either obtain a workbook directly from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation or pick up a workbook up at the Midwest City Library. You must complete the workbook prior to class and bring it with you to the class. Specific details about the ODWC Hunter's Education program can also be viewed online at [www.wildlifedepartment.com/hunted2.htm](http://www.wildlifedepartment.com/hunted2.htm). Ages 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required, call 732-4828.

### Fibromyalgia/Interstitial Cystitis/Chronic Pain Support Group

**Jan 10,24 | Sat | 2-4p**  
**All ages**

This group is for those suffering severe disabling pain that disrupts relationships and the ability to work or engage in life. Other conditions addressed are injuries, spinal problems and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, which is similar to Fibromyalgia. Interstitial Cystitis is sometimes referred to as inflammatory bladder syndrome, and sometimes the above listed conditions overlap. One of the objectives of the group is to reduce the isolation of persons in constant pain. Family, friends and caregivers are welcome. For more information contact Brenda Moore-Finch at 405-390-8624.

### Child Guidance Parent Talk

**Jan 12 | Mon | 12:30-4:30p**  
**Parents and caregivers of young children**

Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development as well as any parenting questions you may have in the areas of speech, language, development and

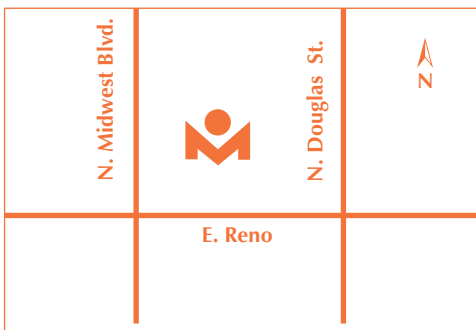


### Midwest City Library

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

#### HOURS

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



### Exhibit: Oklahoma's Winter Birds

**Jan 2-31 | Library Hours**  
**All Ages**

Master Naturalist Leslie Johnson will create a January exhibit at the Midwest City Library with information about Oklahoma's winter birds and the annual Winter Bird Survey, coordinated by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. State biologists have a 20-year history of the upward and downward trends of birds visiting winter feeders thanks to the support of Oklahomans who participate in the survey.

### Exhibit: Mid-Del Art Guild Ribbon Show

**Jan 5-31 | Library Hours**  
**All Ages**

The Midwest City Library is pleased to host the annual Mid-Del Art Guild Ribbon Show throughout the month of January. The Guild, founded in 1973 for the purpose of promoting the arts through demonstrations, lectures, and fine art exhibits, is composed of both professional and amateur artists, working in a variety of media and at all skill levels. This exhibit features works that have received a rib-



# READ ABOUT IT

## Discussions With Authors & Book Reviews

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

OKLAHOMA CITY— A family's dark secrets in 1938 Kentucky, train hopping Oklahomans during the Depression, and a book of poetry, photography and scripture are a few of the subjects that will be featured on 'Read About It,' the cable TV show brought to you by the Metropolitan Library System. This month, hostess B.J. Williams will welcome the following guests.

**January 3** Rilla Askew, author of *Harpsong*, has won the Oklahoma book Award, the American Book Award and the Western Heritage Award for her novels.

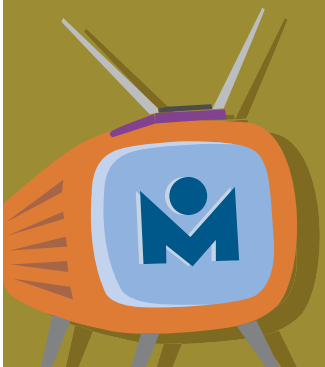
**January 10** Carolyn Wall, Oklahoma award-winning writer, will discuss her first novel *Sweeping Up Glass*.

**January 17** Nathan Brown, Oklahoma poet and finalist for a 2008 Oklahoma Book Award, will discuss *Not Exactly Job*.

**January 24** Dian Curtis Regan, award-winning writer for children and young adults, will discuss *Cam's Quest*.

**January 31** Kim Parrish will discuss *Cowboy Up: Coach John Smith Leads the Legendary Oklahoma State Wrestlers to Their Greatest Season Ever*.

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



behavior. Children do not have to be present at session. Facilitated by Sarita Naegeli, Child Development Specialist and Cheryl Custer, Speech-Language Pathologist. Please call 425-4412 to schedule an appointment. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

### Movie Night

**Jan 12 | Mon | 5:30-7:30p**  
**Ages 10-16**

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



Teens

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

**Jan 12 | Mon | 5:30-6:30p**  
**Adults**

Learn about what fuels a tantrum, how to prevent outbursts, and strategies for helping your child develop self control. Call 425-4412 to register. Facilitated by Sarita Naegeli. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Dept.



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### English as a Second Language

**Jan 13,15,20,22,27,29**  
**Tue & Thur | 6-8:30p**  
**Adults**

This course is designed for individuals to improve their English language skills. Through everyday conversation, students will



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learn, review, and practice English grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation. For more information please call 682-7873. Co-sponsor: OCCC Adult Learning Center.

### Children Reading to Dogs

**Jan 13,27 | Tue | 7-8p**  
**Children who can read**

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



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### Scottish Gaelic Language Learners' Group

**Jan 14 | Wed | 7-8:30p**  
**Ages 10 and older**

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

### AAA Motor Vehicle Crash Prevention Course

**Jan 17 | Sat | 9a-4p**  
**Licensed Drivers**

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

### Midwest City Reader's Society

**Jan 20 | 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.

### Pajama Story Night

**Jan 20 | Tue | 7-7:30p**  
**Children of all ages**

Bedtime stories for children of all ages. Put on your pajamas and grab your favorite stuffed friend. We will enjoy stories, songs, poems, rhymes and the occasional craft. All children should be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.



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### Talk It Up Book Club

**Jan 22 | Thur | 4-5p**  
**Grades 4-6**

Join us in the Talk It Up Book Club! We will have a snack, play a game and make a craft. We will be discussing *The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo. 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.

### Toddler Aerobics

**Jan 26 | Tue | 10-10:30a**  
**and 11-11:30a**  
**Ages 2-5 with parents**

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



### Teen Zone Book Club

**Jan 26 | Mon | 6-7p**  
**Ages 10-16**

**CALLING ALL TEEN READERS!!!**  
Ready for engaging book conversations about contemporary topics? The Midwest City Library will host the TEEN ZONE Book Club. Our first discussion book is *The Fold* by An Na. This Printz Award-winning author creates an extremely funny and thought-provoking look at notions of beauty and how they affect us all. Through a variety of events specific to teenage life we will discuss notions of beauty and the myths which lie deep within these notions.



### Nicoma Park Library

2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park  
(405) 769-9452

#### HOURS

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



### Children Reading to Dogs After School

**Jan 6, 20 | Tue**  
**3:30-4:30p**  
**Ages 3-12**

Tuesday after school children improve their



skills while reading to a dog. D'Leo and his owner are trained and certified as therapy teams by Therapy Dogs International. Bring your favorite book or choose one of ours to read. For more information please call 769-9452.

### Choctaw Women's Aglow International

**Jan 10 | Sat | 9:40a-Noon**  
**Adults**

The interdenominational meeting of the Choctaw International Women's Aglow meets every second Saturday from 9:40 a.m. to noon. Inspirational speakers, fellowship and refreshments. For more information call 391-5629 or 677-8909.

### Ladies Crafting Group

**Jan 20 | Tue | 10a-Noon**  
**Adults**

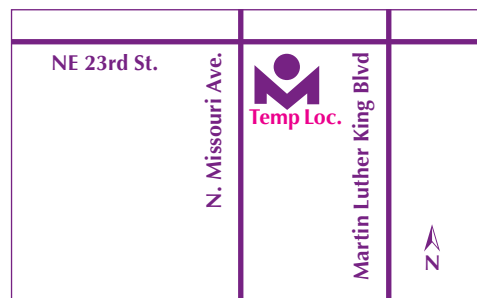
Women of all ages create crafts suitable for the season the third Tuesday of the month. Call 769-9452 for more information.

### Ralph Ellison Library Temporary

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

#### HOURS

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



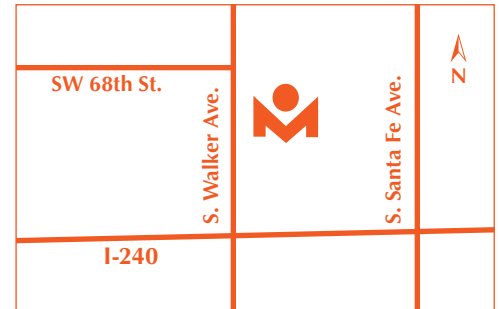
*The Ralph Ellison Library, now located at 1918 N.E. 23rd, will be at this address for about a year while the 2000 NE 23rd location is under an extensive renovation and expansion process.*

### Southern Oaks Library

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

#### HOURS

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



### Score Business Counseling

**Jan 2, 16 | Fri | 10a-1p**  
**Adults**

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

### Preschool Storytime

**Jan 5, 12, 26 | Mon**  
**10:30-11:15a**

**Ages 2-6 with parent**

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



### Financial Aid Workshop

**Jan 5 | Mon | 1:30-3p**  
**All Ages**

This workshop will provide potential students with information about student aid opportunities from the federal government, the state, postsecondary institutions, and private sources. You will be able to ask questions about the different types of aid and pick up valuable handouts. Call 631-4468 to pre-register.



## Kids Create

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

Ages 8-12

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

## GED

Jan 7,12,14,21,26,28

Mon & Wed | 3-6p

16 years & older

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



## Fan Fiction & Fan Art Contest Begins

Jan 12-Mar 15 | Library Hours

All Ages

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

## Parachute Play

Jan 13 | Tue | 10:30-11a

Ages 3-6 with parent

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



## Southern Oaks Book Club

Jan 13 | Tue | 11:30a-12:30p

Adults

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

## Family Place: 1-2-3 Play With Me

Jan 13,20,27 | Tue

6:30-7:30p

Infant - Age 4 with parent or guardian

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



## Child Guidance Parent Talk

Jan 29 | Thur | 12:45-4p

For parents and caregivers of young children

Are you looking for new parenting ideas? Are you looking for answers to important questions about your child? If so, then Parent Talk may be for you. Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development as well as any parenting questions you may have in the areas of speech, language, development and behavior. Workshop facilitated by Tracy Goebel, M.ED., Speech/Language Pathologist & Teresa Widick, M.S., Child Development Specialist. Call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to pre-register for the free workshop. Co-sponsor: OCCHD



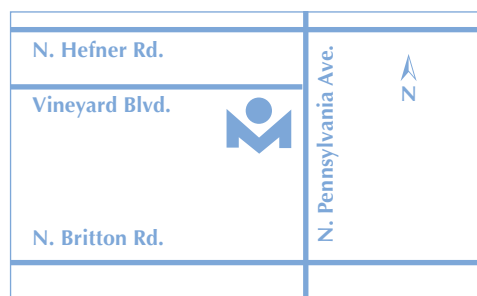
## The Village Library

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

### HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5  
Sun: Closed



## Babar and Me Yoga

Jan 6,13,20,27 | Tue

10-10:30a

Ages 2-6 years

Come join Mr. Kelly for fun and gentle yoga. Bring a towel or yoga mat, an elephant if you have one, and your best animal sounds!



## Children Reading to Dogs

Jan 8,15,22,29 | Thur

3:30-4:30p

Children who can read

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



## Computer Basics for Adults

Jan 15 | Thur | 6:30-8p

Adults

Free computer class for adults! Learn to use Microsoft Windows on and off the Internet. Learn the features of a Word Window and an Internet Window, how to open and close a Word Window, how to create and print a Word document and how to find and print information from the Internet. Come in or call to sign-up. Village Library (405) 755-0710.



## Anime Club

Jan 22 | Thur | 4-5p

Teens

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



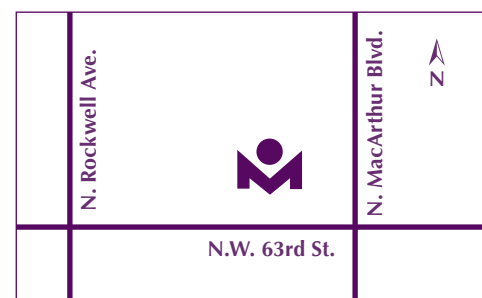
## Warr Acres Library

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 5 | Mon | 9:30-10:30a

Adults

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

### English as a Second Language

Jan 5,7,12,14,21,26,28

Mon & Wed | 5:30-8p

Adults



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

### Story Time for Preschoolers

Jan 6,20 | Tue

10:30-11:15a

Ages 2 1/2 to 5 years



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

### Baby Basics Workshop

Jan 6 | Tue | 3:30-5p

Adults



This workshop will focus on developmental milestones as well as fun activities to enhance baby's development. Discussion will include fun games, expectations, and how to recognize your baby's cues. Facilitated by Deborah Shapiro M.S. CCC-SLP Speech-Language Pathologist & Robyn Sears M.S Child Development Specialist. Free of charge. Please call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to register.

### Children Reading to Dogs

Jan 8 | Thur

6:30-7:30p

5 years and older



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

### Ear Infections & Language

Development Workshop

Jan 9 | Fri | 11a-Noon

Adults



Winter time and ear infections sometimes appear as if they go hand in hand. This workshop will offer information about ear infections such as how to recognize the symptoms, what can play a role in causing an ear infection, and how ear infections could possibly affect your child's language development. Free of charge. Please call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to register. Facilitated by Deborah Shapiro M.S. CCC-SLP Speech-Language Pathologist.

### Caldecott Art Club

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

Ages 5 and older

After admiring award winning books and

printmaking techniques, children will enjoy making their own art prints to keep. Please call to pre-register.

### Warr Acres Book Club

Jan 12 | Mon | 11a-Noon

Adults

The Warr Acres Library Book Club meets the second Monday of each month. We will discuss William Bernhardt's book, *Capitol Conspiracy*. Mr. Bernhardt will be joining us for our March Book Club meeting at Warr Acres.

### Play Time for Babies and Tots

Jan 14,21,28 | Wed

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

8 months - 2 1/2 year olds with adult



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

### Game Night

Jan 22 | Thur | 6:30-8p

Ages 12-17

Come join us for Rock Band, Super Smash Brothers and more! Please call ahead to register.



### Child Guidance Parent Talk

Jan 23 | Fri | 1-4:30p

For parents & caregivers of young children



Free sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development as well as any parenting questions you may have in the areas of speech, language, development, and behavior. Children do not have to be present at these sessions. Please call 425-4412, Child Guidance, to schedule your appointment with Robyn Sears M.S. Child Development Specialist and Deborah Shapiro M.S. CCC-SLP Speech-Language Pathologist.

### Pajama Storytime for Preschoolers

Jan 27 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

Ages 2 1/2 to 5 years

Children and their parents will enjoy bedtime stories and a snack with Miss Alma and her puppets. Please pre-register by calling 721-2616.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Libraries Closed	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.

Hitchens, Christopher. *Thomas Paine's Rights of Man*.  
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January 29 marks the 272nd anniversary of the birth of an undeservedly marginalized American Founding Father, Thomas Paine. John Adams said of him, "Without the pen of Paine, the sword of Washington would have been wielded in vain." Hitchens, no mean wielder of the pen himself, celebrates Paine's championship of the rights and dignity of humanity.

*Twelfth Night* [videorecording]  
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Shakespeare's glorious comedy, set in part on the last of Christmas' 12 days, is brought to life by Helena Bonham Carter, Nigel Hawthorne, and Ben Kingsley, in this film adaptation from Britain. If music be the food (probably leftover turkey) of love, play on.



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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>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
<b>RALPH ELLISON**</b> OKC, 424-1437	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	—
<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	—

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

<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	9:30-6	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.