

info

METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM
magazine

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

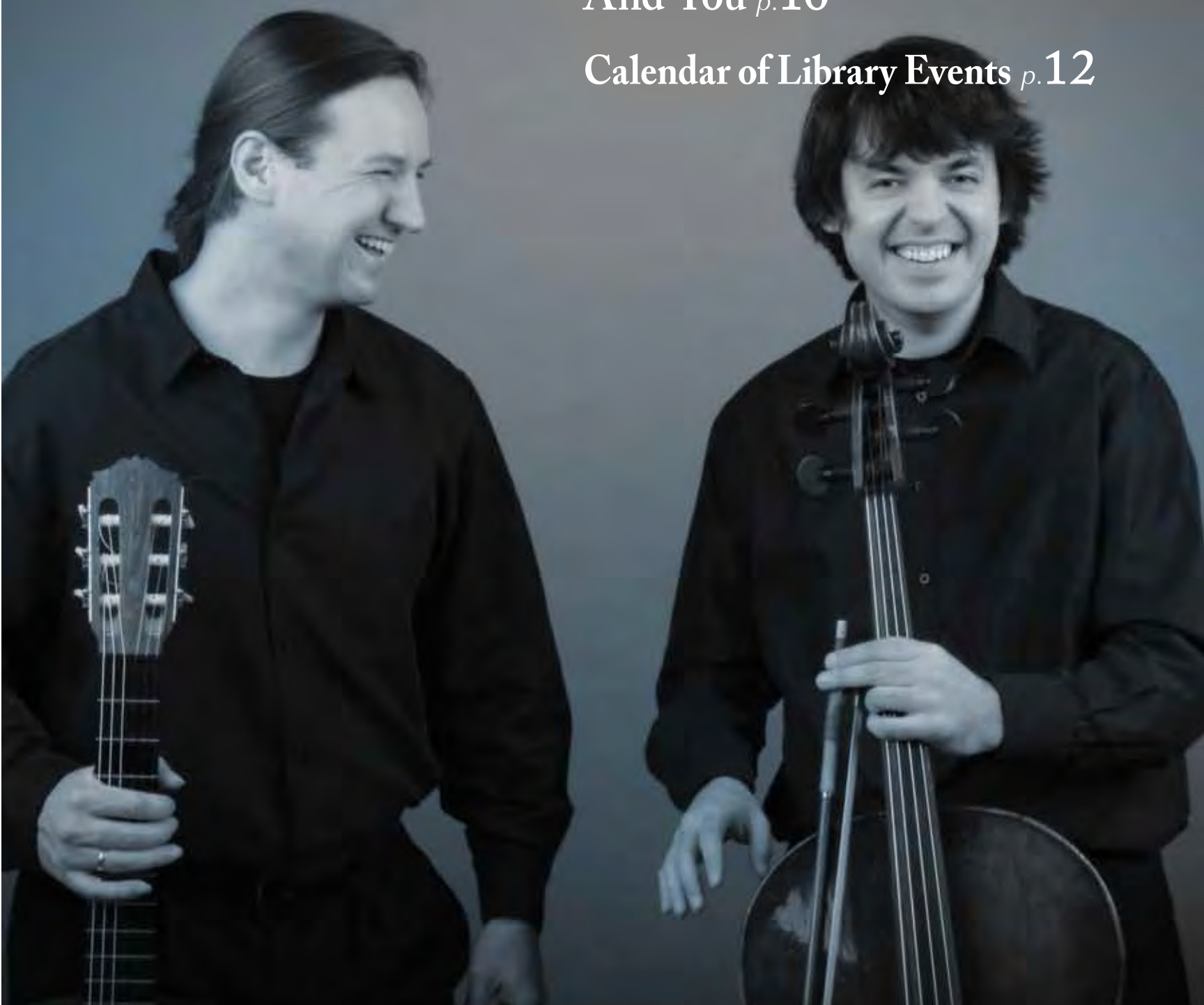
JANUARY 2010

Inside *info*:

YouTubing *p.9*

The Library Endowment
Trust: A Win/Win For MLS
And You *p.10*

Calendar of Library Events *p.12*





New info

There is at least one thing Oklahomans have in common with the British, as described by the satiric song writer Michael Flanders:

“January brings the snow; Makes your feet and fingers glow.”

Well, in January your Metropolitan Library System hopes to make you glow, all right, but not from a thin layer of ice crystals covering frostbite.

The Richter Uzur Duo, made of composer and performer, Brad Richter on guitar, and soloist and chamber musician, Viktor Uzur on cello, will present a wide range of music from contemporary to classical in a series of concerts. Watch, too, for the Downtown Library’s weekly Wednesday Night at the Movies free film screenings.

You may be interested in a month-long display of *Star Trek* memorabilia on display at the Choctaw Library. The staff there invites you to boldly go where you may not have gone before—Choctaw—to relive your Space Cadet days.

Whether Earth-bound or off to Infinity and beyond, you can find something at your neighborhood MLS library to entertain or enlighten you.

Stay warm and we’ll see you again in balmy February. Brr-r-r!



Something Special

Downtown Library Computer Classes pg. 15

Noon Tunes pg. 17

The Richter Uzur Duo pg. 21

Meet Author Terrye Robins pg. 23



4



6



10



12

Inside *info*: JANUARY 2010

MLS Executive Director

Donna Morris

Publisher

Kim Terry

Editors

Doug Bentin

Nancy Lytle

Designer

Rick George

Contributing Writers

Christine Bassett

Kelley Riha

info

METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM *magazine*

300 Park Avenue

Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Editorial: (405) 606-3752

Fax: (405) 606-3799

E-mail: dbentin@metrolibrary.org

MLS Commission

Hugh D. Rice, *Chair*

David Greenwell, *Disbursing Agent*

Donna Morris, *Secretary*

Bosé Akadiri

Nancy Anthony

Ralph Bullard

Glenda Choate

Fran Cory

Cynthia Friedemann

Margaret Graham

Deanna Hannah

Jose Jimenez

Lee Alan Leslie

Penny McCaleb

Tracy McDaniel

Tracy McGehee

Lori Nelson

Brenda Palmer

Mukesh Patel

Kim Patterson

Jim Shonts

Judy Smith

Alyne Strube

Beth Toland

Carolyn Willis

Greg Womack

Ex Officio

OKC Mayor Mick Cornett

County Commissioner Ray Vaughn

The official magazine of the Metropolitan Library System of Oklahoma County, *info*, is published monthly by MLS Marketing & Communications, 300 Park Avenue, OKC, OK 73102.

4 Oklahoma Images

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 Free Gas War

6 Reviews & Recommendations

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

9 YouTubing

MLS has a YouTube presence you may not have known about. It's the online place to go for active glimpses at our programs and services.

10 The Library Endowment Trust: A Win/Win For MLS And You

What is the Library Endowment Trust and how can it work for you? Read on and find out.

11 Around the System: The Ralph Ellison Library

Newly renovated and re-opened for business, Ralph Ellison has been a neighborhood hot spot for 34 years.

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

The Richter Uzur Duo



Oklahoma Images

The Free Gas War

by Larry Johnson



The Elks Lodge at McGee and Harvey in Oklahoma City.



This month's story was a lot of fun to write because I got to see three of the Oklahoma Room's long-term programs intertwine. I was looking for something appropriately wintry among the hundreds of photos in our collection, but nothing really presented itself.

Meanwhile, I was researching Governor William "Alfalfa Bill" Murray's frequent use of the Oklahoma National Guard in the course of writing a short vignette for the upcoming Oklahoma Moments series on state governors (seen on the Library's television program *Read About It*). It's true Governor Murray led the state in desperate times, but his use of the state militia during the early 1930s smacked of dictatorial hubris more common in Germany and Italy at the time. Murray used the guard to police oil production, guard bridges on the Red River, and even to sell tickets at the Oklahoma Sooners football games when he suspected the school of keeping money from the state. What caught my eye, though, was his threat to place Phillips Petroleum under military rule in order to provide free natural gas to a few poor people in southeast Oklahoma City.

As part of an unusual deal several years before, Phillips had agreed to provide free natural gas to several small landowners in the southeast part of the city in exchange for mineral rights. This sparked my interest because, I remembered interviewing a man for the Oklahoma Voices program who was raised in that area and he explained how they used to tap into the pipeline for free gas. But in the winter of 1932, Phillips and the residents were in a court duel

over the arrangement. Perhaps trying to break the back of the landowners, the company waited until an extremely cold day with temperatures in the teens to shut off the gas. Word got to the People's Choice, Governor Murray, who told Phillips executives to turn the gas back on within thirty minutes or he would commandeer their corporation. He could only do this in an emergency, but he believed "they are inviting anarchy" in the capital city.

So what the heck does this handsome Italian renaissance building at McGee and Harvey have to do with a standoff in southeast Oklahoma City? It was built in 1926 as the Elks Lodge and featured a grand ballroom behind those arches, but even though the Elks could count prominent men among their ranks, they couldn't hold title to the building through the Depression and it was acquired by financier W. S. Keys whose main client was the federal government until Oklahoma Natural Gas bought it in the late 1930s. Within an hour of hearing about the dispute, ONG mediated between the parties and its crews had connected their lines to Phillips', providing free gas to the residents once again.

Okay, so the building wasn't the headquarters of Oklahoma Natural Gas during the Free Gas War. It's still a pretty good story, a pretty good thing for ONG to do, and a pretty good looking building.

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



The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton

reviewed by Christine Bassett



Inspired by stories from her own family history, Australian author Kate Morton has written an enchanting tale that captivates the reader's imagination from beginning to end. In 1913 a young girl is abandoned on a liner bound for Australia from England with no belongings except for a small white suitcase containing the only clues as to her identity. Many years later, the owner of this suitcase, Nell, travels back to England to try and find out who her family is and why she was abandoned. She traces some clues to her history back to the Mountrachet family and Blackhurst Manor in Cornwall but the truth about her parentage is not totally revealed until after her death when her granddaughter Cassandra returns to England.

Morton gradually reveals the truth by telling the story from the point of view of the three main characters a little at a time in both England and Australia until finally the reader finds out who Nell's parents were and why she was left on a ship bound for Australia all on her own.

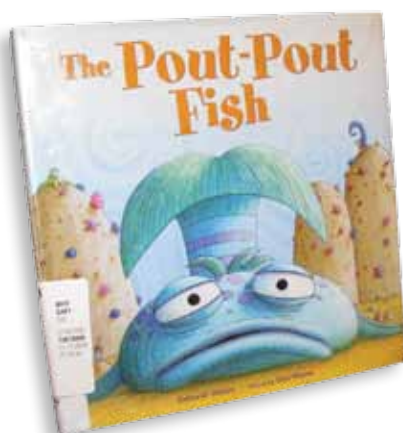
This is a fascinating story, full of twists and turns and unexpected events spanning a 100 year time frame by the author of the best selling novel *The House At Riverton*.

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.



The Pout-Pout Fish by Deborah Dieson Illustrated by Dan Hanna

reviewed by Kelley Riha



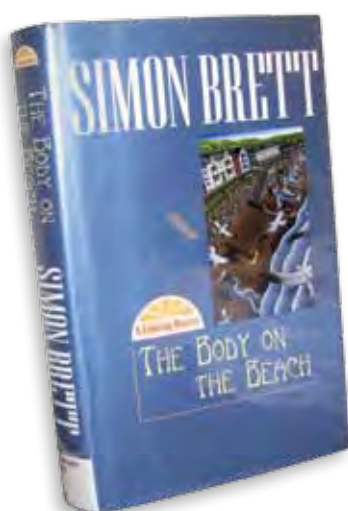
In *The Pout-Pout Fish*, the rhyming verses give readers a bouncy rhythm fit for a fun underwater adventure. Ocean creatures try to cheer Pout-Pout Fish. His response is a blubbery sad refrain until a stranger swims in and surprises him with a big ole smooch upon his pout-pouting face.

So, if you know someone who's glass is half full or completely empty, check out *The Pout-Pout Fish* to wash the blues away and let a little light in. The illustrations add to the silly play with rounded

images and oversized colorful characters sure to bring a smile.

Oh and never worry--Dieson turns Pout-Pout upside down with a happy ending.

Kelley Riha is Community Information Coordinator in the MLS Outreach Dept. She is a long-time performer for children and can be seen regularly on the MLS television program Read About It, where her specialty is discussing books written for the youngest readers.



The Body on the Beach: A Fethering Mystery

by Simon Brett

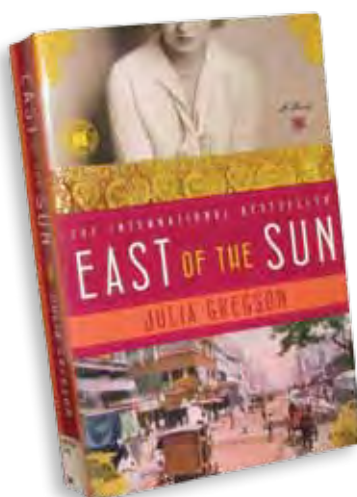
reviewed by Christine Bassett

For a change from Agatha Christie or Agatha Raisin, try Simon Brett's cozy mysteries. For an even bigger change, why not try listening to them on an MP3 player? One of his series to keep you reading for a while is *The Fethering Mysteries* of eleven books which follow the exploits of two middle aged female amateur sleuths living in the small seaside town of Fethering, England.

In the first book, called *The Body On The Beach*, recently retired Carole Seddon and her Labrador retriever, Gulliver, find a corpse on the beach during their daily morning walk. Carole reports this to

the Police but the body mysteriously disappears and the police think that Carole has imagined the whole thing. Carole confides in her eccentric neighbor, Jude, who encourages Carole to do some investigating herself, especially after a mysterious woman appears on her doorstep waving a gun! This is a very enjoyable series, especially as interpreted by Geoffrey Howard when you listen to the emedia presentation.

Books 1-6 of this series are available in a Downloadable audio file (wma format).



East Of The Sun

by Julia Gregson

reviewed by Christine Bassett

Set in England and India at the time of the British Raj during the 1920's, when the children of British military personnel were sent home to England to be educated. *East of The Sun* tells the story of three Raj children, Victoria, Rose and Guy, escorted by their chaperone, Viva Holloway, as they sail back to India on a P & O liner nicknamed the *Fishing Fleet* as it carried young ladies to India to find husbands. Rose is marrying someone she hardly knows. Victoria is accompanying her as her bridesmaid, and Guy is returning home to his parents having been expelled from school.

Gregson follows their lives as their paths intersect

on their quest for peace, happiness and romance in British India. Viva is on a quest to find a family trunk containing the only belongings from her family; Victoria is eager to find a husband of her own even as Rose struggles to get to know hers, and Guy exhibits seriously unstable behavior which threatens to interfere with the lives of them all.

Reminiscent of *The Jewel In The Crown* (Paul Scott) and *A Passage To India* (E.M. Forster) in quality of prose and content, Gregson's well-developed characterizations and fascinating backdrop and storyline draw the reader in from beginning to end.



Reviews & Recommendations



Pirate Latitudes by Michael Crichton

Michael Crichton, who died at the way-too-young age of 66 in November, 2008, left behind this old-fashioned swashbuckler about the adventures of 17th. century privateer Charles Hunter. It reads a lot like his earlier adventure stories and I wonder if it's an older book that Crichton's assistant just got around to digging out of the back of the drawer. Or, more than likely, off his hard drive.

Which is not to say by any means that it isn't a rousing tale of daring do at sea, but in all honesty, Raphael Sabatini it isn't. (Sabatini was the author

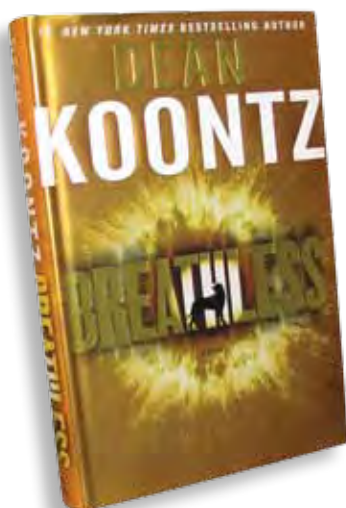
of *Captain Blood* and *The Seahawk*. I know—I'm getting old.)

Like much of Crichton's work from *Congo* on, this one reads as if it were written as a screen story. Not surprising, Steven Spielberg has already purchased the movie rights. But even if *Pirate Latitudes* isn't Crichton at his best, it's the last we're going to get from this wonderfully popular master of techno-thrills.

This book is also available in audio format on compact disk.



reviewed by Doug Bentin



Breathless by Dean Koontz

Perennial bestseller Dean Koontz returns with another exercise in suspense.

One afternoon while walking with his dog, Grady Adams spots two things—freaks, aliens, animals?—rollicking in a field near his mountain home. They follow him home, move into his house with him, and begin exploring. They teach themselves everything from how to open door locks to how to make sandwiches. Grady calls a veterinarian friend and she is just as perplexed as to what they are as he is. When she calls some biologists she knows, the government gets involved.

Are they creatures that have been bio-engi-

neered and escaped from a lab? Are they from another planet? Or are they the future of animal life on Earth?

Koontz' thriller also contains a pair of subplots that generate as much suspense as the primary one, even though they are unnecessary. *Breathless* doesn't add up to much in the end, but it's a page-turner along the way.

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



reviewed by Doug Bentin



The Metropolitan Library System has gone global with our presence on YouTube. Not viral yet, but soon. Who knows?

Library customers have been aware for some time that videos shot for MLS have been available for Internet viewing through our website, www.metrolibrary.org, but fewer realize that much of this material can be accessed through our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/metrolibrary.

What's available? Short spots that highlight an upcoming program or event. Some of these events are sponsored entirely by MLS, and some are co-sponsored by other agencies. By visiting these videos, you can find out what's happening soon near you.

What else? Check out clips from a world of musical entertainers who have presented concerts and recitals at MLS libraries. Get a sense of Zydeco swing with Leon and Joseph Chavis. Sample Huun Huur throat singing from Mongolia. Give a listen to three terrific musical performers for children—Funky Mama, The Doo-Dads, and Dino O'Dell.

From the files of the weekly MLS TV show “Read About It,” check out some author interviews. The “Read About It” co-hosts chat with local as well as nationally known writers to find out what makes them tick and how they go about creating their books. Many of these interviews can be found on YouTube, but many more are on our website.

“YouTube isn't the only social networking device we use,” said MLS Director of Marketing and Communications Kim Terry. “We also Twitter and use Facebook and those have become really important ways to communicate with potential library customers.

“I create most of the short commercial videos we make about events and people seem to like that format. You can find several of those on YouTube. Take a look and comment on them. I'd like to know what you think.”

Your Metropolitan Library System is dedicated to remaining your innovative link to the world, and there's no better way to do that than through Internet networking. Let us know how we're doing.



THE LIBRARY ENDOWMENT TRUST:



A WIN/WIN FOR MLS AND YOU



The Ralph Ellison Library

Only two libraries in the Metropolitan Library System are named for notable people. The new Downtown Library is more formally the Ronald J. Norick Downtown Library. But before that was the Ralph Ellison Library, named for the noted author of *Invisible Man*, who was born in Oklahoma City in 1914.

Ralph Ellison Library opened on June 21, just two days after the celebration of Juneteenth, in 1975. This new, state of the art facility replaced the storefront Northeast Branch library. It contained 14,000 square feet, and an eye-catching bronze and stainless steel sculpture of Mr. Ellison, commissioned from New York artist Edward N. Wilson, greeted you as you stepped in the door.

1986 was a banner year for Ralph Ellison Library. The library won the prestigious John Cotton Dana award for successful publicity and public service programs from the American Library Association; the library was honored at an "Adopt-A-School" program, and on November 17, Ralph Ellison himself returned to his home town for a reception and autograph party at his namesake library.

And now, the Ralph Ellison Library has moved into the 21st. Century. It reopened last December after a major renovation project—state of the art once more.

Drop by the Ralph Ellison Library at 2000 NE 23rd (on the corner of 23rd and Martin Luther King) to see how great a neighborhood library can be!

The Library Endowment Trust was created in 1986 to assist the library system in providing excellent services, programs, and materials, and to raise funds to ensure a secure financial future for the library system. The Board of Trustees is made up of 20 community leaders who volunteer their time and efforts to manage the endowment for the benefit of the library system.

Funds raised by the LET have been used to support such library programs as Summer Reading and Winter ReadFest, as well as to buy children's materials and public art for display around the system. The LET has also purchases such big ticket items as maintenance vehicles.

The LET's annual fundraising author dinner, Literary Voices™ has brought internationally acclaimed authors to speak in Oklahoma City, including Dave Barry, Sue Grafton, Scott Turow, and Ann Patchett. This April 13, best-selling mystery/thriller writer Harlan Coben will speak at the 8th annual dinner at the Oklahoma City Golf & Country Club. The next day Coben will be speaking at a free event called "Author Confidential" at the Downtown Library, 300 Park Avenue, at 10:00 a.m.

Anyone wishing to donate to the Library Endowment Fund can give gifts in honor or in memory of friends, relatives, or co-workers, and the LET holds a campaign each fall to encourage annual giving.

The current President of the Library Endowment Trust is long-time library supporter Rita Gunter Dearmon. "The seventeen libraries in the Metropolitan Library System provide lasting educational rewards and experiences for thousands of children in our community," Gunter said. "In these nurturing environments, reading and learning, homework resources, and many special programs are daily offered and enjoyed for free."

For more information about the LET, contact the Metropolitan Library System Development/Volunteer Services office at 606-3760. The system's Director of Development is Diane Sarantakos, and the Development Coordinator is Chris Carroll.

"I'm always willing to discuss the Endowment Trust with interested parties," Carroll said. "They can call or email us at development@metrolibrary.org, or visit our website at www.metrolibrary.org/endowment/aboutus.htm."

january

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

To see the latest information about library programs and events, please click on Calendar of Events on the MLS website: www.metrolibrary.org

Table of Contents

12	Belle Isle Library	20	Luther Library
12	Bethany Library	20	Midwest City Library
13	Capitol Hill Library	22	Nicoma Park Library
13	Choctaw Library	22	Ralph Ellison Library
14	Del City Library	23	Southern Oaks Library
16	Downtown Library	24	The Village Library
18	Edmond Library	25	Warr Acres Library
19	Harrah Library	25	Wright Library

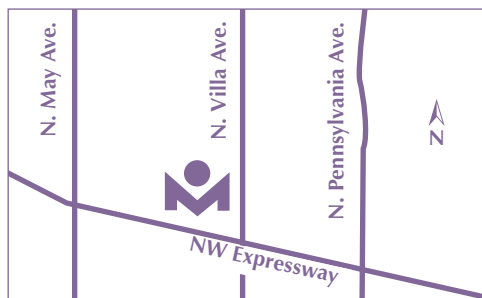
All MLS libraries will be closed Jan. 1 for New Year's, and Jan. 18 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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



Service Corps of Retired Executives

Jan 2,16 | Sat | 9a-Noon

Adults

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

ESL: Learn English as a Second Language

Jan 5,7,12,14,19,21,26,28

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

Adults

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



Parent Talk

Jan 7 | Thur | 1-4p

Adults

Sessions include discussion about normal range of early development as well as any parenting questions you may have in the areas of speech, language, development and behavior. Child need not be present at the session. Facilitators are Katherine Broekhuysen and Tracy Goebel. Call 425-4412 to schedule an appointment. Co-sponsor: OCCHD. Child Guidance Division.



Metro OKC Knit Guild

Jan 17 | Sun | 3-5p

Teens and adults

Everyone—any knitter or a person who has never knitted, but would like to learn is welcome. Each monthly program includes a lesson of a new knitting technique and examples of charity knitting projects. For questions about the group, e-mail the guild at metrookccknitguild@gmail.com or call 436-0466. Co-sponsor: Metro OKC Knit Guild.

Beginning Spanish

Jan 25 | Mon | 6:30-8:30p

Adults

Conversational Spanish class for spring 2010. This course is intended to teach basic Spanish speaking skills. The class begins on January 25 and will continue on Monday evenings until April 19. Register at the Reference Desk or call 843-9601.



Snowly Blowy Winter

Jan 26 | Tue | 10-11a

Pre-kindergarten

Stories about snow and ice will be shared by Miss B. Playtime and an activity will follow. Pre-registration begins Jan. 2nd. Please call 843-9601.



Rockin' The Library with Mr. Stinky Feet

Jan 26 | Tue | 7-8p

All ages

Rock the Library with one of our favorite kid-rockers, Jim "Mr. Stinky Feet" Cosgrove. Come prepared to sing, dance, and have fun!!



An Author Event: Meet Terrye Robins

Jan 28 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p

Ages 10 and older

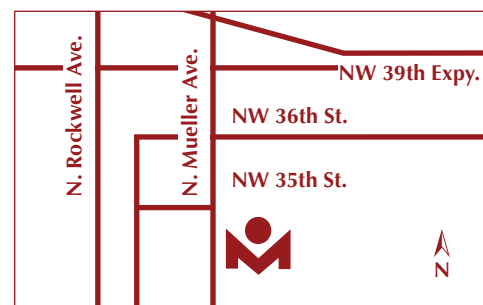
Terrye Robins, of Chelsea, Oklahoma, will discuss her Christian-fiction books in a fun presentation. She'll discuss her three books, *Trouble in Paradise*, *Revenge in Paradise*, and the newest addition, *Justice in Paradise*, and answer questions. This is a good opportunity for all inspiring authors.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

Bethany Library

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

HOURS

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



Toddler Story and Play Time

Jan 21 | Thur | 9:30-10:15a

and 10:30-11:15a

Ages 2-3 with adult

Enjoy a story, song, nursery rhymes and play time. For child with adult. Choose the 9:30a



or 10:30a session. Pre-register at the library Information Desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.

Richter Uzur Duo Jan 26 | Tue | 7-8p Ages 8 and older



Composer and performer, Brad Richter on guitar, and soloist and chamber musician, Viktor Uzur on cello, will play a wide range of music from contemporary to classical. Both have performed throughout Europe and North America satisfying audiences with their highly entertaining and diverse sound.

Bethany Centennial Art Premier with Artist Danny Gordon Jan 30 | Sat | 2-3p All ages

The City of Bethany celebrates its Centennial! Join us at the library for a premier of newly commissioned art for the library children's area featuring several notable children who grew up in Bethany as well as Bethany children of today. The quartet of paintings feature New York Yankee's pitching great Allie Reynolds and world record-setting astronaut Shannon Lucid. Artist Danny Gordon will share his creative process and children ages 8-12 can sign up for a drawing class with Danny. Refreshments will feature a birthday cake to celebrate Bethany's 100 years and Bethany Library's 45th birthday.

Capitol Hill Library

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

HOURS

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



Move and Groove Story Time Jan 4 | Mon | 10:30-11a Ages 1-4



Hear a story and get some exercise! Parent participation recommended. Please call 634-6308 for more information.

After School Board Games Jan 6, 20 | Wed | 3:30-4:30p Elementary school age

Play games with your friends at the library after school! Every Wednesday.

Mommy and Me Book Club Jan 8 | Fri | 10-11a

Moms and babies/toddlers
Meet other moms and read a novel of your choice. Babies can play and hear stories while you discuss what you are reading.



Preschool Story Time "Snow"

Jan 12 | Tue | 10:30-11:15a
Ages 1-6

Learn about snow and make some of your own. Call 634-6308 to pre-register.



After School Craft Jan 13, 27 | Wed | 3:30-4:30p Elementary age

Make something fun after school at the library. Every Wednesday.

Classic Fairy Tale Story Time "Goldilocks and the Three Bears"

Jan 14 | Thur | 4-4:45p
Ages 3 and older

Hear a classic tale "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," and enjoy an activity. Please call 634-6308 to register.



Game Fest

Jan 16 | Sat | 1-3p
Teens

Bring your friends for an open play session of video games like Guitar Hero, Super Smash Brothers, Mario Kart, and more. Games are rated E, E10+, and T. Pre-register.



Computer Basics

Jan 23 | Sat | 2-3:15p
Adults

This class is designed for adults and seniors who know very little about computers, but who want to learn more. Questions will be answered regarding basic windows, internet usage, MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and any other computer related topics. Please register at the Reference Desk, or by calling 634-6308.



Parent Talk

Jan 25 | Mon | 1-4:30p
Parents

Serita Naegeli from the OKCC Health Department will be available to answer your parenting questions. 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. Please call 425-4412 to schedule your free meeting. Appointment is required.

Lapsit "Beary Good" Story Time

Jan 26 | Tue | 10:30-11:50a
Birth through age 4

Learn how to teach your baby through songs and stories.



Tissue Paper Mosaic

Jan 28 | Thur | 6:15-7p
Ages 3 and older

Make and take your own colorful work of art with tissue paper!

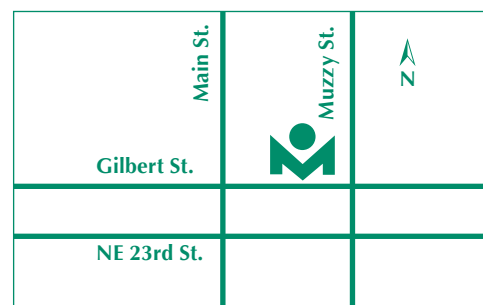


Choctaw Library

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

HOURS

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



Star Trek Memorabilia Exhibit Jan 2-31 | During Library Hours All ages

Star Trek Memorabilia from the extensive personal collection of James "Butch" Roberts of Choctaw will be on display during library hours at the Choctaw Library. "Star Trek," one of the most popular brands of the 20th century, has influenced popular culture and has devoted "Trekkers" worldwide. Boldly drop by the Choctaw Library to view this unique exhibit. Star Trek books will be available for checkout.

Lapsit Story Time

Jan 5, 12, 19, 26 | 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 5,12,19,26 | Tue
10:30-11a

Ages 3-5 years

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



T'ai Chi with Chris Francis: Intermediate/Advanced Class

Jan 6,13,20,27 | Wed | 6:15-7p
Teens and adults

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. New meeting time. Co-sponsor: Choctaw Library Guild and Eastern Oklahoma Tech Center.

T'ai Chi with Chris Francis: New Beginner's Group

Jan 6,13,20,27 | Wed | 7-7:45p
Teens and adults

See advanced T'ai Chi description. Please pre-register by calling 390-8418. New meeting time. Co-sponsor: Choctaw Library Guild and Eastern Oklahoma Tech Center.

Book Blast Book Club

Jan 9 | Sat | 2:30-3:30p
Grades 2-3

Have a Book Blast with us! Join us for a fun discussion, snack and related craft or game activity. Check with a librarian to find out what book to read. Copies of the book will be available at the Reference Desk. Pre-register at 390-8418 or stop by the desk to sign up.

Parachute Play

Jan 15 | Fri | 10:30-11a
Ages 3-6 w/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. Limited to 20. Please call 425-4412 to pre-register. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City County Health Department.



Children Reading to Dogs

Jan 20 | Wed | 4-5p
Children who can read

Come and read to a dog! Readers can come



to practice and improve their reading skills. The dogs with their owners act as a non-critical, appreciative audience with excellent listening skills! Bring your own book or borrow one from us.

Science of Electrostatics

Jan 21 | Thur | 6-7:30p
Ages 10-16

Dr Gaines Jackson, retired Rose State College Science Professor and CEO of Total Environmental Services & Testing, Inc., will demonstrate the many facets of electrostatics with the Van de Graaff generator. Dr Jackson will convey the theories of the physics of electrostatics to school-age young people and their parents. Workshop includes demonstrations that will be a hair-raising experience. Pre-registration required. Attendance Science credit letters will be awarded to students attending and completing the workshop program requirements. Co-sponsor: Total Environmental Services & Testing, Inc.



Ookami Anniversary Celebration

Jan 23 | Sat | 2-4p
Teens

It's the one year anniversary of the Ookami Anime Club!! We are celebrating with a Cosplay contest, lots of Japanese snacks, a special event, and, of course, anime episodes. Come join the fun as we mark this special milestone! *Anime may contain material that is considered unsuitable for ages 13 and younger.



GED

Jan 25,27 | Mon & Wed
9-11:15a

Ages 16 & older

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



Richter Uzur Duo

Jan 25 | Mon
6:30-7:30p

Ages 8 and older

Composer and performer, Brad Richter on guitar, and soloist and chamber musician, Viktor Uzur on cello, will play a wide range of music from contemporary to classical. Both have performed throughout Europe and North America satisfying audiences with their highly entertaining and diverse sound.



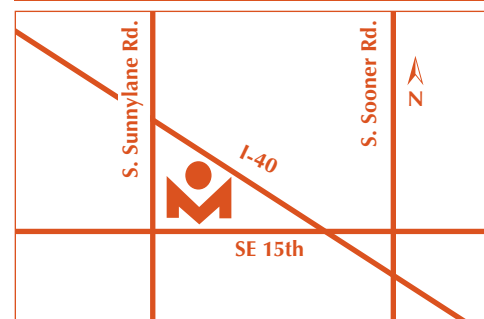
Del City Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Martin Luther King, Jr. Art and Poetry Contest

Jan 2-29 | During Library Hours
Children and Teens

In celebration of Martin Luther King Day and Black History Month, Del City Library is holding the first annual "I Have a Dream, Too" Art and Poetry Contest. Participants are encouraged to express their own dreams of a better world through peace, freedom, and nonviolence. The top entries will be exhibited in the library throughout the month of February. Bring in your entry by January 29th. For more information please call 672-1377.

Storytime Aerobics

Jan 7 | Thur | 6:30-7p
Ages 1-5

Exercise growing bodies and expanding minds! Join the January Storytime Aerobics where children can have fun moving to some music, make new friends, and hear exciting stories.



Family Place: 1-2-3 Play With Me

Jan 8,15,22,29 | Fri | 10-11a
Infants to age 4 w/parent

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



Downtown Library Computer Classes 2010



Everything You Need to Know to Learn Computer Basics!

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

January 5: Computer Basics

January 12: Computer Basics 2

January 19: Facebook

February 2: Resumes and On-line
Job Searching

February 9: Computer Basics—
Internet Searching

February 16: Blogging—A How To

March 2: Computer Basics

March 9: Computer Basics 2

March 16: Excell Basics

April 6: Internet Fraud

April 13: Computer Basics— Keyboarding

April 20: Email and Gmail

May 4: Computer Basics

May 11: Computer Basics 2

May 18: eBay—How to Buy & Sell Safely



Metropolitan
LIBRARY SYSTEM

www.metrolibrary.org

Questions? Call (405) 231-8650 for answers or to register.

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

Del City Book Club

Jan 11 | Mon | 7-8p

Adults

Del City Book Club meets monthly to discuss a book chosen by its members. Join anytime and suggest a title for upcoming meetings! This month we are reading *The Onion Field* by Joseph Wambaugh. Come by the library to pick up a copy. For more information and to join call 672-1377.

Dragon Storytime

Jan 12 | Tue | 6:30-7:15p

Ages 4-8

Fire-breathing stories that will capture a child's imagination & other extraordinary fun activities will entertain during Dragon Storytime!



Society of Urban Poets

Jan 14 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p

All ages

SOUP's goals are to promote poetic expression without the use of profanity, and to establish an outlet for poets to display their works and share their talents and art with the community and public at large. Join us at the Del City Library for a hot serving of SOUP! Call 672-1377 for more information.

Color Me White Storytime

Jan 27 | Wed | 10-10:20a

Ages 1-5

Learn about one of the best winter colors at Color Me White Storytime. Celebrate white and hear stories about things that are white, and do a fun activity. A great chance to get into the winter spirit!



Writing Your First book

Jan 28 | Thur | 6-7:30p

All ages

Local author, Lucinda Marie Thierry, shares tips for writing and publishing for wanna-be novelists. Learn the tricks of the trade and get your manuscript out there! Call 672-1377 to sign up and for more information.

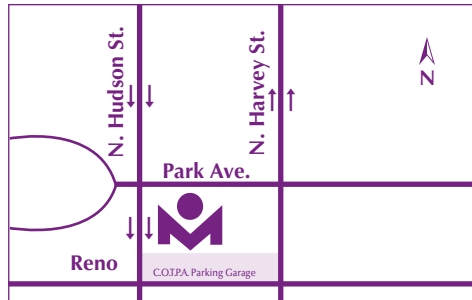
Downtown Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6



Computer Basics

Jan 5 | Tue | 6-7:30p

Adults

Meet in the Route 66 Computer Lab at the Downtown Library for a beginner's computer class. This class will focus on using Microsoft Word: writing, saving, printing and more. We will also go over the fundamentals such as using a mouse, understanding your desktop and more. Please call 231-8650 to sign up.



Wednesday Night at the Movies

Jan 6,13,20,27 | Wed | 6-8p

Ages 13 and older

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

Jan 6: *The Hustler*

Jan 13: *The Graduate*

Jan 20: *The Three Faces of Eve*

Jan 27: *Planet of the Apes*

Noon Tunes

Jan 7,14,21,28 | Thur

11:30a-12:30p

All ages

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

Jan 7: *Zuzu's Petals: violin & cello*

Jan 14: *T. J. Haverkamp: Jazz piano*

Jan 21: *Travis Linville: American roots singer/songwriter.*

Jan 28: *Midwest City High School Jazz Band.*



PM Play with Me Play Group

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

Infants to age 5 with adult

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



Play with Me Play Group

Jan 8 | Fri | 10-10:50a

Infants to age 5 with adult

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



Schubert: A Divine Messenger— With Pianist

Wayne McEvelly

Jan 10 | Sun | 2-3p

All ages

To honor Ernestine Hill Clark, retired MLS Director of Development, the MLS Endowment has made this Concert Series possible. These concerts, for all ages, were chosen to honor Ms. Clark because of her enjoyment of the piano performances by Wayne McEvelly and her generous spirit of giving to others. All are invited and to share in honoring Ms. Clark at a reception following the free concert. Co-sponsor: MLS Endowment Trust.



Computer Basics 2

Jan 12 | Tue | 6-7:30p

Adults

Come to the Route 66 Computer Lab for part two of computer basics. This class will be a continuation of computer basics with advanced uses and functions for Microsoft Word, using your desktop, my computer and the control panel. Please register at 231-8650 or ask for Wendy if you have question.



Preschool Aerobics

Jan 15 | Fri | 10-10:45a

Ages 5 and younger w/adult

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



Facebook

Jan 19 | Tue | 6-7:30p

Adults

If you are still asking the questions "what is social networking?" and "why would I want a facebook page?" then this is the class for you. We will go through a step by step process of signing you up, using security settings, adding pictures, adding friends and all the other awesome features and fun Facebook has to offer. Please register at 231-8650 or ask for Wendy if you have question.



Thursday Noon Tunes

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

January 7: ZuZu's Petals — Indie Violin/Cello

January 14: T.J. Haverkamp — Jazz Piano

January 21: Travis Linville — Songwriter

January 28: Midwest City High School Jazz Band

February 4: Stephanie Jackson — Classical & Pop Guitar

February 11: Oklahoma City University Student Pianist

February 18: Stringents — Rock String Quartet

February 25: Sequoyah Elementary Choir

All performances are free and open to the public.

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



FRIENDS OF THE
METROPOLITAN LIBRARY
SYSTEM



Metropolitan
LIBRARY SYSTEM



Preschool Storytime

Jan 22 | Fri | 10-10:50a
Ages 1-5

Join us for winter stories. Children will enjoy stories, fingerplays, a craft and more. Call 231-8650, ext. 4 to register.



Richter Uzur Duo

Jan 24 | Sun | 2-3p
Ages 8 and older

Composer and performer, Brad Richter on guitar, and soloist and chamber musician, Viktor Uzur on cello, will play a wide range of music from contemporary to classical. Both have performed throughout Europe and North America satisfying audiences with their highly entertaining and diverse sound.



Music Play with Miss Ginger

Jan 29 | Fri | 10-10:50a
Ages 2-5 w/adult

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

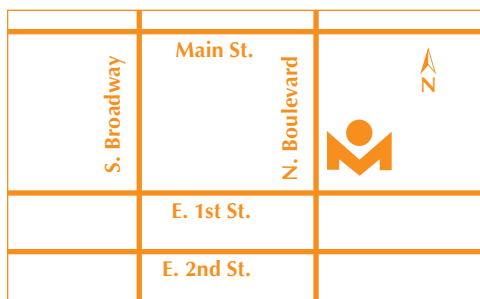


Edmond Library

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

HOURS

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



Stamp Club

Jan 9,23 | Sat | 10a-Noon
Grades 4 and higher

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

Advanced Farsi

Jan 3,10,17,24,31 | Sun
1:30-2:30p

Adults and Teens

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



Beginning Farsi

Jan 3,10,17,24,31 | Sun
2:30-3:30p

Adults and Teens

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



Preschool Story Time

Jan 4,11,25 | Mon
10-10:30a

Ages 3-5

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



Lapsit: Playtime and Story Time

Jan 5,12,19 | Tue | 9:30-10a
and 10:15-10:45a &
11-11:30a

Ages birth - 2 years

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



Edmond Chess Club for Teens

Jan 5,12,19,26 | Tue
6-7:30p

Teens 13-17

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



Children Reading to Dogs

Jan 5,19 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p
Children who can read

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



55+ Coffee Break

Jan 6,13,20,27 | Wed | 9-11a
Seniors

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

Computer Instruction with Eddie

Jan 6,13,20,27 | 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.



Using Communication Skills to Build Self Esteem

Jan 6 | Wed | 3:30-5p
Parents or guardians

Young children feel good when they are able to communicate their wants and needs to their parents, caregivers and friends. Feeling good about oneself equals more good behavior. We will discuss fun ways to stimulate language development, enhance your relationship with your child and therefore build self esteem. Call 425 4412 to Register. Facilitated by Robyn Sears. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.



Computer Instruction with Dave

Jan 6,13,20,27 | Wed
7-8p

Ages 18 & older

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



Parachute Play

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

While playing games with a parachute, children will have the opportunity to practice skills such as: following directions, socializing with others, using language, using small and large muscles, and remaining in control during very active play. Class size is limited to 12 children and their parents. Facilitated by Pam Collins & Dan Hester. Pre-register: 425-4412. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.



Music With Susan

Jan 8,22 | Fri | 10-10:30a
and 10:40-11:10a
Ages 2-3

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



Music With Susan

Jan 8,22 | Fri

11:15-11:45a

Ages 4-5

Join with Susan in musical activities designed especially for this age group. Classes are held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month.

Registration for the 2nd Friday always begins on the 1st day of the month. Registration for the 4th Friday always begins on the 15th day of the month. Pre-register by calling 341-9282, ext. 4.



Reader's Choice Book Discussion

Jan 9 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon

Adults

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

Edmond Library Book Bunch

Jan 9 | Sat | 2-3:30p

Seniors

Join this book to read outstanding fiction. Call the Edmond Library for their January choice early in the month.

Chess Club for Kids

Jan 11 | Mon | 3:30-5p

Ages 8-13

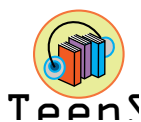
The Edmond Library Chess Club is a place where beginning chess players can learn and improve their skills and practice good sportsmanship in a positive environment. There will be a once a school year \$20 supply fee. Any interested individuals need to contact Connie Hong at conniehong.ok@gmail.com for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

Edmond Manga and Anime Club

Jan 14 | Thur | 4-5:30p

Ages 13-17

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



Advanced Basic Computers for Seniors

Jan 16 | Sat | 2-3p

Seniors-adults

We will begin with a discussion and demonstration of the internet. We will also discuss e-mail topics to include: How to send emails, automatic filing of mail in desired folders, and attaching pictures or files to e-mail. Attention will also be given to digital pictures, connecting the camera to the computer, uploading pictures, and using a flash drive.



Chess Club for Kids

Jan 19 | 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 and practice good sportsmanship in a positive environment. There will be a once a school year \$20 supply fee. Any interested individuals need to contact Connie Hong at conniehong.ok@gmail.com for more information.

Journey for Control

Jan 19,26 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

Jan 21 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p

Adults

Diabetes education meeting. Co-sponsor: Advancing Diabetes Education.

Sustainable Edmond

Jan 19 | Tue | 6:30-8p

Adults

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

Parent Talk

Jan 20 | Wed | 1-5p

Ages 3-6 with parents

Parents or Guardians

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 the session. Call 425 4412 to Register. Facilitated by Robyn Sears. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.



Intermediate ESL

Jan 25,27 | Mon & Wed

1-4p

Adults

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



Beginning ESL

Jan 25,27 | Mon & Wed

5-8:30p

Adults

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



Community College adult education at 682-7873.

Rockin' The Library with Mr. Stinky Feet

Jan 25 | Mon | 7-8p

All ages

Rock the Library with one of our favorite kid-rockers, Jim "Mr. Stinky Feet" Cosgrove. Come prepared to sing, dance, and have fun!!



Lapsit: Playtime and Toddler Aerobics

Jan 26 | Tue | 9:30-10a

and 10:15-10:45a &

11-11:30a

Ages birth - 2 years

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



GED Test Preparation Class

Jan 26,28 | Tue & Thur

5:30-8:30p

Adults

Must be at least 16. If between 16 and 17 must have permission. This GED class meets Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Review English, social studies, science and math skills in preparation for the GED test. Materials are provided free. Questions? Call OCCC Adult Education at 682-7873. Co-sponsor: OCCC.



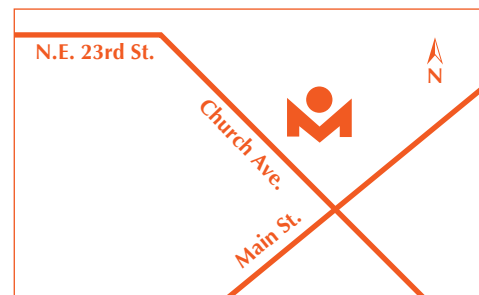
Harrah Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Children Reading to Dogs

Jan 9 | Sat | 9a-Noon

Grades K-6

Come practice your reading skills with Duke the therapy dog, He is a very patient listener who loves to have a story read to him. Call 454-2001 for information.

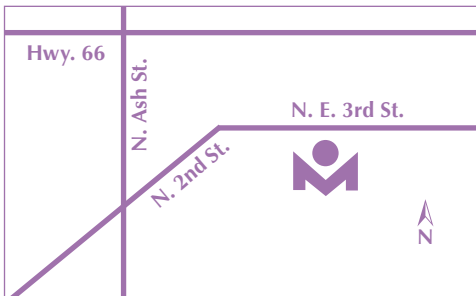


Luther Library

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

HOURS

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



Quilting and Sewing

Jan 11 | Mon | 10a-4:30p

Adults

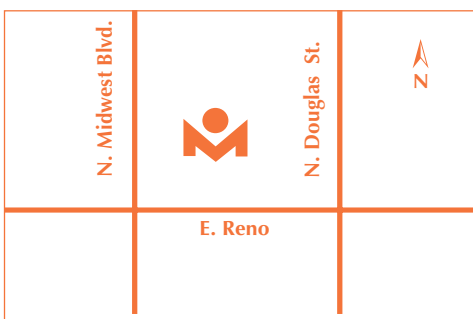
Come and enjoy the fellowship and learn to quilt and sew.

Midwest City Library

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

HOURS

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



Lapsit Play and Storytime

Jan 4, 11 | Mon

10-10:45a and 11-11:45a

Birth to age 4 w/parents

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



Things That Slither and Don't

Jan 4 | Mon | 11a-Noon

Ages 10-16

Ever want to see "those kinds of creatures" up close? Join us to see some of nature's most fascinating and feared animals. Spiders, snakes, scorpions, and what? Oh my! Please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.



Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Herpetological Society.

Bats, Bats, Bats

Jan 4 | Mon | 1-2p

Ages 10-16

Did you know that Oklahoma is home to 21/22 bat species? The world's only flying mammal plays a vital role in our environment. Join us to learn how these misunderstood mammals impact our everyday lives and about their own amazing lives. It will be Bat-tastic! Please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Herpetological Society.



Kid's Only Video Game Party

Jan 4 | Mon | 2-3p

Ages 6-12

Calling all kids. Come to the library for an afternoon of video gaming. We will have Nintendo Wii, Playstation 2 and Gamecube. All games are rated E or E10+. Registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

Parachute Play

Jan 6 | Wed | 10:30-11a

Ages 3-6 with parents

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



Book Bug Club

Jan 7 | 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 *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats. You can pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk. Registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

Hunters' Safety Education Safety Course

Jan 9 | Sat | 9a-2p

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.

wildlifedepartment.com/hunted2.htm. Ages 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required. To register, call 732-4828. Co-Sponsor: Oklahoma Wildlife Department.

Alive @ 25

Jan 9 | Sat | 1-5p

Teens

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



Children Reading to Dogs

Jan 12, 26 | Tue | 7-7:30p

Children who can read

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



Pajama Story Night

Jan 14 | Thur | 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. Registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.



The Weavers Guild of Oklahoma City

Jan 16 | Sat | 10a-Noon

Adults

The Weavers Guild of Oklahoma City would like to invite you to participate in our January 2010 program. This month's topic "Using Your Handspun Yarn," presented by Log Cabin Spinners. For more information, please call 405-260-2095.

Midwest City Reader's Society

Jan 19 | 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.

"...serious musicianship that doesn't take itself too seriously..."

– Fanfare Magazine

THE RICHTER UZUR DUO

Brad Richter on guitar and Viktor Uzur on cello take you from Led Zeppelin to Rimsky-Korsakov on this exciting musical mystery tour.

Sunday, January 24, 2pm
Downtown Library, 300 Park Ave.

Monday, January 25, 1pm
Southern Oaks Library, 6900 S. Walker

Monday, January 25, 6:30pm
Choctaw Library, 2525 Muzzy

Tuesday, January 26, 2pm
Midwest City Library, 8143 E. Reno

Tuesday, January 26, 7pm
Bethany Library, 3510 N. Mueller

Concerts are free and open to the public.



Metropolitan
LIBRARY SYSTEM

www.metrolibrary.org

Do Fence Me In-Setting Limits With Love

Jan 19 | Tue | 6-7:30p

For parents & caregivers of young children



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

Talk It Up! Book Club

Jan 21 | Thur | 4-5p

Grades 4-6

Join us in the Talk It Up! Book Club, where each month we will read a different book from the 2010 Children's Sequoyah Masterlist. There will be snacks, games and crafts! We will be discussing *Pete and Fremont* by Jenny Tripp. You can pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk. Registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

Toddler Aerobics

Jan 25 | 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. Registration is required and begins one week before the scheduled program. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

Richter Uzur Duo

Jan 26 | Tue | 2-3p

Ages 8 and older



Composer and performer, Brad Richter on guitar, and soloist and chamber musician, Viktor Uzur on cello, will play a wide range of music from contemporary to classical. Both have performed throughout Europe and North America satisfying audiences with their highly entertaining and diverse sound.

English as a Second Language

Jan 26,28 | Tue & Thur

5:30-8:30p

All ages



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

Say Yea! — Teen Writing Workshop

Jan 31 | Sun | 3-5p

Teens ages 10-16



Teens, have you ever wanted to have your

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

Nicoma Park Library

2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park

(405) 769-9452

HOURS

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

Fri & Sat: 9-5



International Women's Aglow of Choctaw

Jan 9 | Sat | 9:40a-Noon

Adults

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

Children Reading to Dogs

Jan 14,21 | Thur

3:30-4:30p

Ages 4 and older



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

Ralph Ellison Library

2000 N.E. 23rd, OKC

(405) 424-1437

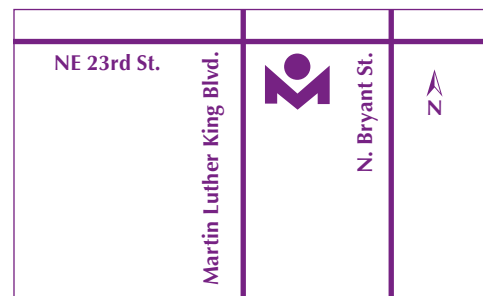
HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-8

Fri: 9-6

Sat: 9-5

Sun: Closed



Teen Advisory Board

Jan 6 | Wed | 4-5p

Teens



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

Story Time

Jan 12,26 | Tue | 10:30-11a

Ages 1-5



For all children ages 1-5 join us for Storytime, Tuesday January 12, 26. There will be songs, fingerplay puppets and lots of fun. Call to register 424-1437.

Teen Crafts

Jan 12 | Tue | 5-7p

Teens & older



Do you want to make awesome crafts for free? Example crafts include Mardi Gras masks, origami and decorate-your-own flip flops. Call (405) 424-1437 for more info.

Job Corp Opportunities

Jan 13 | Wed | 1-3p

Ages 16-24

The program will present opportunities provided by the Guthrie Job Corp Center.

Anime/Manga/Gaming Club

Jan 14,21 | Thur | 3-4:30p

Teens



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

The Metropolitan Library System Invites You To Meet:

Terrye Robins

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

Thursday, Jan. 28th, 6:30pm

Belle Isle Library, 5501 N. Villa, 842-9601

Thursday, Feb. 4th, 12pm

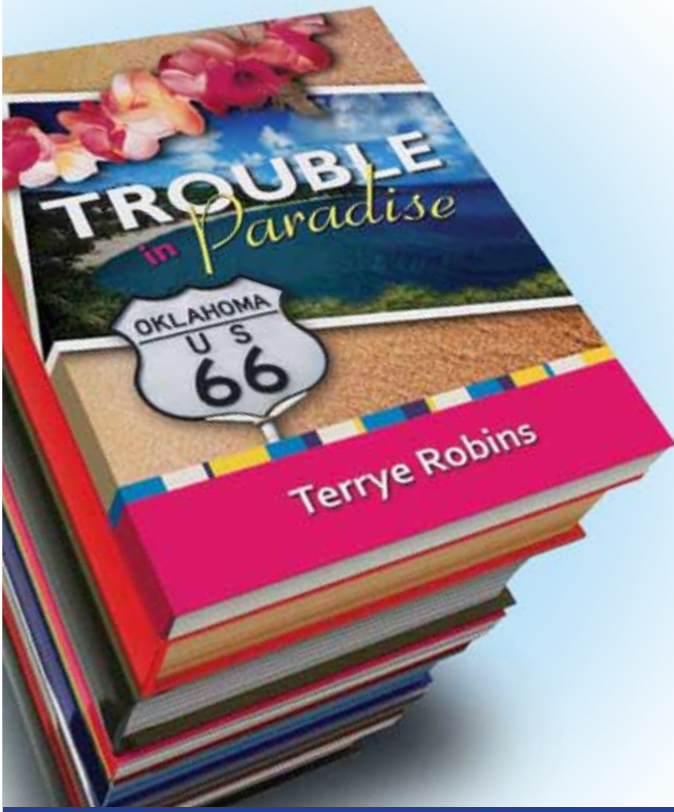
Bring your own brown bag lunch and relax.

Edmond Library, 10 S. Boulevard, 341-9282

Thursday, Feb. 4th, 7pm

Bethany Library, 3510 N. Mueller, 789-8363

Meet the Author is free and open to the public.



New Start Health and Wealth

**Jan 20 | Wed | Noon-3p
Adults**

From noon until 1:00p we'll have lunch (bring your own). We'll provide drinks and cookies and you can visit with others who wish to make changes in the New Year. At 1:00 p.m. Back on Top Program presenters will give information on the part your nutrition plays in job success. How what you eat projects your success in the workplace. Co-sponsor: Back on Top, Inter-City Youth & Community Development Program.

Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County

Jan 21 | Thur | 3:30-5p

Ralph Ellison Library
2000 N.E. 23rd
Oklahoma City, OK 73111
405.424.1437

The public is welcome to attend.



Self Defense Class

**Jan 23 | Sat | 1-2p
Teens and adults**

Teens and Adults

Do you want to learn the basics of self defense from a trained professional? Come to the library to find out the keys to protecting yourself. This is not the same information you've heard before. To sign up, contact the library at 424-1437.

Fresh Start for Families

**Jan 27 | Wed | Noon-2p
Adults**

From noon until 1:00pm we'll have lunch (bring your own). We'll provide drinks and

cookies. At 1:00pm, Carole Brown, from Metro Career Academy will provide information on resources from the Parent Resource Center located at Metro Tech, Springdale campus. These include assistance with housing, child care, financial literacy, transportation, and support groups. Co-sponsor: Metro Career Academy.

Southern Oaks Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6



Craft Rave

**Jan 3 | Sun | 2-4p
Ages 10 & older**

Come join the Southern Oaks Library Teen Advisory Board for a craft soirée like no other! Make plushies, twisted pop-up cards, and more. Call 631-4468 to pre-register or for more information. Co-sponsor: Teen Advisory Board.



TEENS

GED

Jan 4,6,11,13,20,25,27

Mon & Wed | 3-6p

Age 16 & older

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



Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me

Jan 6,13,20,27 | Wed

10-11a

Infant to age 4 w/parent

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



Preschool Story Time

Jan 11,25 | Mon

10:30-11:10a

**Children ages 2-6 with
parent/caregiver**

Introduce young children to books and reading



at our fun story times! Children will have fun with books, songs, and activities as they build their early literacy skills. All children should be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required.

Southern Oaks Book Club

Jan 12 | 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.

Anime Club

Jan 13 | Wed | 6:30-8:30p

Ages 14 & older

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



TEENS

Book Adventure: Kids' Book Club

Jan 14 | Thur | 4:30-5:30p

Kids ages 6-9

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

Score Small Business Counseling

Jan 15 | Fri | 10a-1p

Adults

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

Fan Fiction and Fan Art Contest

Jan 19 | Tue | 5:30-8:30p

All ages

Today is the first day to enter the Southern Oaks Library 2010 Fan Fiction, Fan Art contest. Fan Fiction must be 2500 words or less. Fan Art can be any medium. All entries must be copyrighted characters. Entry forms are available at the Reference Desk. Winners will be announced March 20, at 2:00pm at Southern Oaks Library. Participants must be present to win. Call John Hilbert at 631-4468



TEENS

for more information. Co-sponsor: Scarlet Kitsune Anime Club.

Richter Uzur Duo

Jan 25 | Mon | 1-2p

Ages 8 and older

Composer and performer, Brad Richter on guitar, and soloist and chamber musician, Viktor Uzur on cello, will play a wide range of music from contemporary to classical. Both have performed throughout Europe and North America satisfying audiences with their highly entertaining and diverse sound.



Parent Talk

Jan 29 | Fri | 1-4p

Parents & caregivers of young children

Are you looking for 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. Children do not have to be present at the session. Workshop facilitated by Teresa Widick, M.S., CCC, Speech language Pathologist. Co-sponsor: Child Guidance.



The Village Library

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

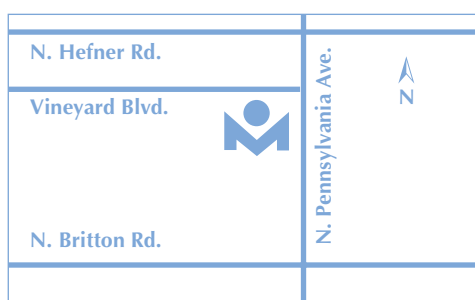
HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-9

Fri: 9-6

Sat: 9-5

Sun: Closed



Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Jan 4,11,25 | Mon

6:30-8:30p

Adults

Free individualized instruction in Microsoft Excel. Learn to create workbooks and spreadsheets, use formulas and functions, format data, create charts, and more. Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Scheduled in 30 minute to one hour sessions per individual. Come in or call to reserve your instruction time. Village Library (405) 755-0710.



Children Reading to Dogs

Jan 6,13,20,27 | Wed

6:15-7p

Jan 7,14,21,28 | 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.



Anime Club

Jan 21 | 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.



TEENS

Using Photographs with Computers

Jan 21 | Thur | 6:30-8p

Adults

Free computer class for adults! Learn how to transfer pictures from ANY camera (not just a digital camera) to your computer and email them to friends and family! Come in or call to sign-up. Village Library (405) 755-0710.



Knitty Committee

Jan 23 | Sat | 10-11a

Adults

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

Book Discussion Group

Jan 25 | Mon | 3-4a

Adults

We always have a lot to say at the Village book discussion group. Join us January 25 at 3pm to discuss our latest pick. This month's title can be picked up at the Village Information Desk.

Business Taxes with SCORE

Jan 27 | Wed | 6:30-8:30p

Adults

SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business Owners, are hosting a free seminar this evening for anyone doing the taxes for a small business. Learn about the advantages and pitfalls of this year's tax code & strengthen your business knowledge. Co-sponsor: SCORE.

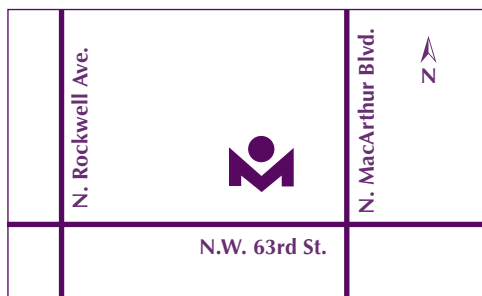
Warr Acres Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Warr Acres Coffee Break

Jan 4, 11 | 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.

Storytime for Preschoolers

Jan 5, 19 | Tue

10:30-11:15a

Ages 2 1/2 to 5 years

w/adult

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



Warr Acres Book Club

Jan 11 | Mon | 11a-Noon

Adults

Join us for an Author Appearance by Carolyn D. Wall, the author of *Sweeping Up Glass*. The book is about the mysterious killing of wolves in rural Kentucky in the 1930s. Ms. Wall will be here to discuss her book and answer your questions. This book won the 2009 Oklahoma Book Award for Fiction. The Warr Acres Library Book Club meets the second Monday of each month.

Playtime for Babies and Tots

Jan 13, 20, 27 | Wed

9:15-10:30a and

10:30-11:15a

8 to 30 months old w/adult

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



Children Reading to Dogs

Jan 14 | Thur

6:30-7:30p

Ages 6 and older

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



Lullaby and Good Night

Workshop

Jan 15 | Fri

10:30a-Noon

Adults

Having a routine, which includes reading to your child, can ease both bedtime and naptime challenges. We will discuss sleep challenges as well as the advantages of reading to your child so that the whole family can get a good night's rest. Facilitated by Deborah Shapiro M.S. CCC-SLP Speech-Language Pathologist & Robyn Sears M.S. Child Development Specialist. Call 425-4412 to register. Free of Charge



Caldecott ART Club for Children

Jan 16 | Sat | 10:30a-11:30p

Age 5 and older

Children will create works of art inspired from the paper cutting art in the book *Golem*, illustrated by Wisniewski. Caldecott Medal is awarded to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children published in the United States during the preceding year. Come enjoy award-winning books and a related crafts the third Saturday of each month. Pre-register.

Game Night

Jan 21 | Thur | 6:30-8p

Ages 12-18

Come join us for Rock Band, Super Smash Brothers and more! Snacks will be served. Please call to register: 721-2616.



English as a Second Language

Jan 25, 27

Mon & Wed | 5:30-8p

Adults

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



Rockin' The Library with

Mr. Stinky Feet

Jan 26 | Tue

10:30-11:30a

All ages

Rock the Library with one of our favorite



kid-rockers, Jim "Mr. Stinky Feet" Cosgrove. Come prepared to sing, dance, and have fun!!

Safety in the Home: Baby and Toddler Proofing Workshop

Jan 26 | Tue | 3:30-5p

Adults

Come learn why it is important to prepare your home for your youngest addition. We will discuss ways to make life a little more simple by putting away many "no, no's" and dangers. Free workshop by the Oklahoma City-County Health Department. Call 425-4412 to register. (No childcare provided.)



Pajama Storytime for Preschoolers

Jan 28 | Wed | 6:30-7:30p

Ages 2 1/2 to 5

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



Wright Library

2101 Exchange, OKC
(405) 235-5035

HOURS

Tue-Thur: 10-5:30 Mon & Sun: Closed
Fri & Sat: 10-3



Genealogy for Beginners

Jan 9, 23 | Sat | 10:30-11a

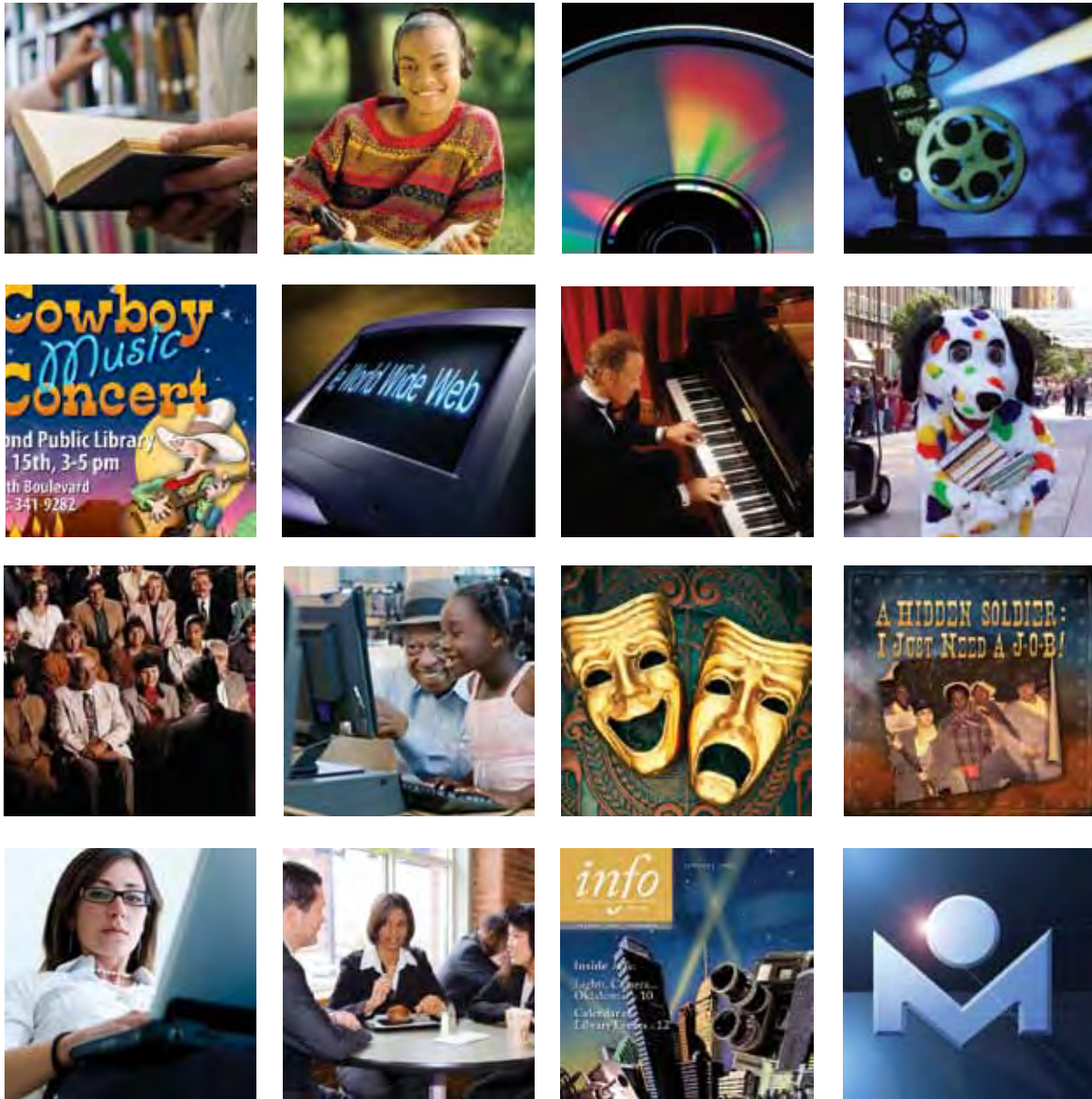
Adults

Margaret Graham will instruct beginners on how to research and preserve their family heritage. Two classes, January 9th and 23rd, 2010.



Metropolitan Library System

Your Inviting, Innovative Link to the World!



We've got it all. Visit your nearest Metropolitan Library
and discover *Your Inviting, Innovative Link to the World!*



www.metrolibrary.org

Belle Isle | Bethany | Capitol Hill | Choctaw | Del City | Downtown | Edmond | Harrah | Jones | Luther
Midwest City | Nicoma Park | Ralph Ellison | Southern Oaks | Village | Warr Acres | Wright

january

2010 CALENDAR



Visit us at www.metrolibrary.org.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Closed	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Closed	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25	26	27	28	29	30

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.

Hersh, Burton. *Bobby and J. Edgar: The Historic Face-off Between the Kennedys and J. Edgar Hoover That Transformed America*.

973.922/H5723b/BIOGRAPHY

Perennial FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover was a New Year's Baby, born on January 1. Here's a book about a war he conducted, not on crime, but on the leadership of the United States. Fearful that the Kennedy brothers would bring an end to his regime at the Bureau, he did all he could to stymie them at every turn. Here is the full story.

Rice, Andrew. *The Teeth May Smile But the Heart Does Not Forget: Murder and Memory in Uganda*.

967.6104/R4951t

One more New Year's Baby was Ugandan bully-boy dictator Idi Amin. Here's another story of a struggle for political power, this time resulting in the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Ugandans. Amin was among the 20th Century's most corrupt and insane rulers. Here's his story.



We're here to serve you.

MLS LIBRARIES

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

MLS EXTENSION LIBRARIES*

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

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