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New info

The word for March is “*More!*” and that’s just what we have in store for you. We’ve heard from many of our readers and they tell us what they want *more* of—more book reviews and recommendations, more Oklahoma Images, more programs and events, more helpful information.

Well, why not? We asked our team of reviewers to take a look at more titles, and we’re giving you a sneak peek at a series of collectable Oklahoma Images bookmarks due for release throughout this Centennial year.

We’ll also tell you about an ambitious series of musical events coming up this month—something exciting for jazz lovers. And look, too, for an article announcing Medicare workshops to be held around the library system in March.

It’s our way of sharing *More*, “waking, sleeping, laughing, weeping.”





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This event will introduce kids to the world of jazz. Take a trip with MLS to the land where the A-Train never jumps the rails.

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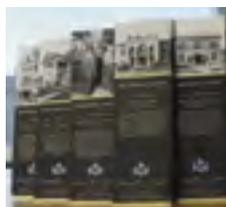
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The MLS weekly TV program introduces you to Oklahoma authors and their books as they are interviewed and reviewed by library staff.

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Oklahoma Image bookmarks help MLS celebrate Oklahoma's first 100 years of statehood.

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Oklahoma Images



THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS FRIGHTFUL...

By Larry Johnson

The photographer of this snapshot, looking south on Hudson towards Downtown from 12th Street, probably meant to capture the heavy snowfall shrouding Oklahoma City.

A series of three ice and snow storms assaulted the city in January, 1949. It was the most snow on record and old-timers said it was the worst in their memory. Power lines snapped and crippled phone lines left the city without long distance service for awhile. City officials even took the drastic step of cordoning off Downtown with barricades – there were so many abandoned cars littering the streets they weren't letting anymore in until road crews could plow pathways. Downtown hotels filled with workers unable to make it home and they watched helplessly as wreckers towed their cars to a yard until things thawed a bit.

This snapshot also provides us with an excellent view of what neighborhood life was like in Oklahoma City before the automobile-fueled expansion to the suburbs in the 1950s. Now part of Midtown, the area

around 12th and Hudson was once referred to as Uptown. In 1949, the area's residential mix included single family homes, duplexes and hotel apartments. Most of the amenities of daily life were provided within walking distance. Glancing around the photo you can see homes interspersed with the Uptown Grocery, Ned's Grill, and the Uptown Theatre. On that one stretch of Hudson a doctor, a drug store, three beauty shops and a candy store could all be found.

The Uptown was one of many 'neighborhood theatres' around the city. The luxurious Downtown theatres showed first run movies, but in the days before television and home video, these theatres ran classic and fan-favorite films. *Angels With Dirty Faces* and *They Drive By Night* were on offer in this photo. Owned by the Ferris family chain, the Uptown operated from 1941-1955. The building is still there and has served a number of commercial uses since then.

Ned's Grill was a busy burger joint in the 1940s and 1950s before owner Ned Mutz

closed it and opened Ned's Steakhouse near Northwest Classen High School about the time the theatre closed. Ned's is fondly remembered by longtime city residents for its delicious pizza.

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



OKC Second Time Around: A Renaissance Story

By Stever Lackmeyer and Jack Money



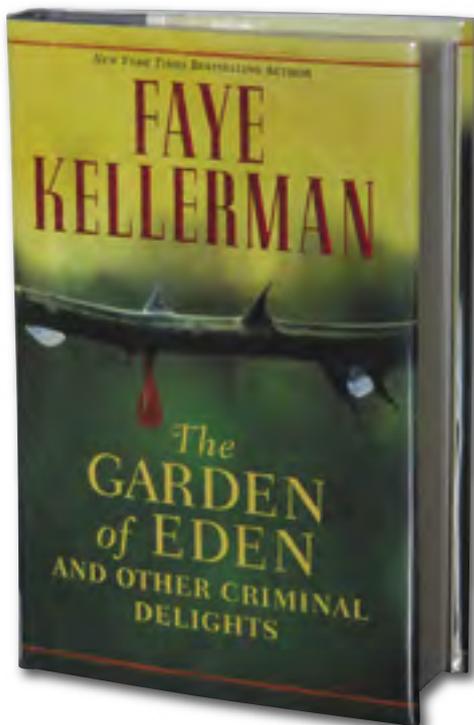
Reviewed by Marilyn Backus

Beautifully designed, this history of downtown Oklahoma City (1956–2006) will fascinate all who witnessed the city’s transformation. Photos include dramatic aerial views and endpaper maps contrast 1950 to today. The forward is by Bob Blackburn, Oklahoma Historical Society Executive Director.

Few remember when OKC was out-ranked only by NYC and Chicago as a convention destination, before suburbs stole the locals and dry laws repelled the visitors. Stories include those of Dean McGee’s vision; I.M. Pei’s urban renewal plans; councilman Purser’s “Downtown is dead, and we helped kill it . . . no major retail, no major attraction and no place to eat”; the bombing, a tragic “second urban renewal in one blast”; MAPS Mayor Ron Norick’s campaign to “Believe in Our Future”; and MAPS-inspired developers and fundraisers like Carolyn Hill, whose beautiful art museum rivals the MAPS projects.

The last MAPS project finished was our aptly named Ronald J. Norick Downtown Library. The Metropolitan Library System provided many of the photographs, as did the Oklahoma Historical Society and Bricktown developers Jim Brewer and Don Karchmer. Published by Full Circle Press, the book makes only modest mention of Jim Tolbert’s role in downtown’s renovation, apparently so as not to abuse his role as publisher.

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



The Garden of Eden and Other Criminal Delights

By Faye Kellerman



Reviewed by Doug Bentin

Crime novelist Faye Kellerman has published her first volume of short fiction. *The Garden of Eden* contains 17 works, including two new stories about her series characters, Decker and Lazarus.

In “Malibu Dog,” Kellerman describes a retired IRS worker in ironic tones: “Stubborn and mean are a lethal combination, a perfect case in point being Conroy Bittune—an old coot of sixty, as skinny and dried up as a stick of jerky.” It’s a man-and-his-dog story with a nasty bite.

“The Back Page” displays a surprisingly black sense of humor. “Within moments, a man wearing all black, including a black

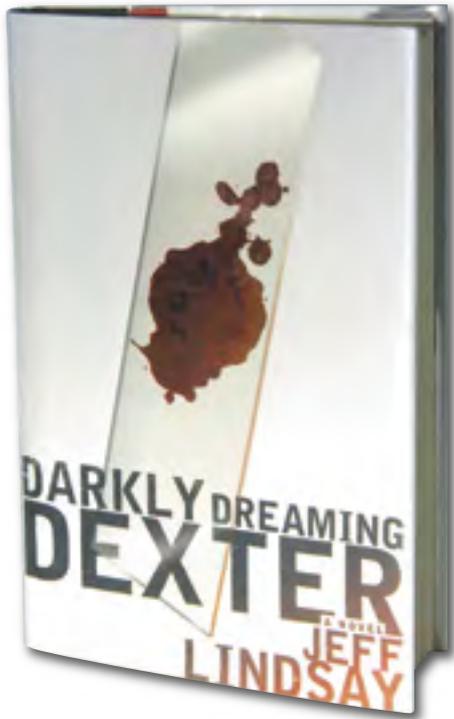
hood over his face, came out of his door. Either Mr. Black was a hired assassin or the Ku Klux Klan had changed fashion consultants.”

A couple of the stories try a little too hard for effect. “Bonding” is too noir for its own good, and “Mummy and Jack” isn’t as clever as Kellerman thinks it is, but all in all this is a satisfactory introduction to the criminal worlds of Faye Kellerman.

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



Reviews & Recommendations



Darkly Dreaming Dexter

By Jeff Lindsay

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Reviewed by Jana Hausburg

“What happened to you when you were a little kid has shaped you ... It got into you too early and it’s going to stay there. It’s going to make you want to kill. And you can’t help that ... But you can channel it. Control it. Choose what, or who, you kill ... There are plenty of people who deserve it, Dex.”

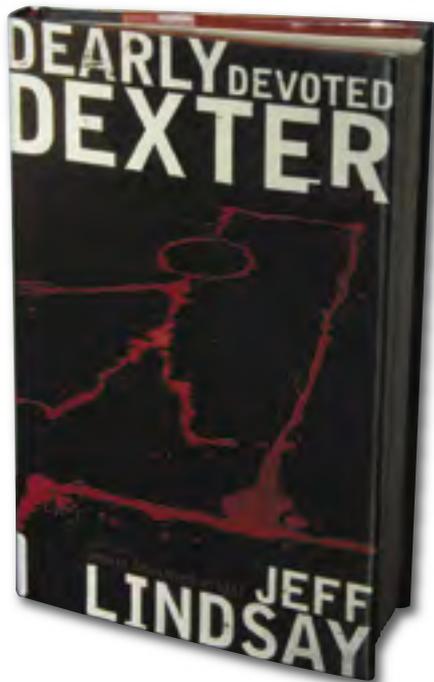
Serial killers freak me out. I used to read a lot of true crime books and novels but stopped after I developed a real phobia about becoming the victim of one of these seriously twisted monsters. It was a new Showtime series, however, that ended my self-imposed exile from the genre.

Lindsay’s Dexter serves as an anti-hero who has accepted his own inhumanity, channeling it into doing away with really bad people. Narrating the story with wry humor, readers are compelled, almost against our will, to embrace Dexter’s rationalization for practicing his craft and to admire his impeccable attention to detail when satisfy-

ing his “Dark Passenger.” His world is an amoral one, pitting serial killer against serial killer. Once we’re able to accept the skewed moral compass, reading the stories becomes unexpectedly fun.

Darkly Dreaming Dexter introduces us to the blood-spatter analyst, a seemingly mild-mannered lab nerd with a loving sister and a devoted girlfriend. His well-organized life never clashes with his hobby, and that’s the way he wants it to stay. But when a brutal yet creative serial killer makes his presence known to the Miami police, Dexter can’t help feeling intrigued. Is it possible that someone has recognized him for who he is, and might be reaching out to him as if to say, “Come and play?”

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.



Dearly Devoted Dexter

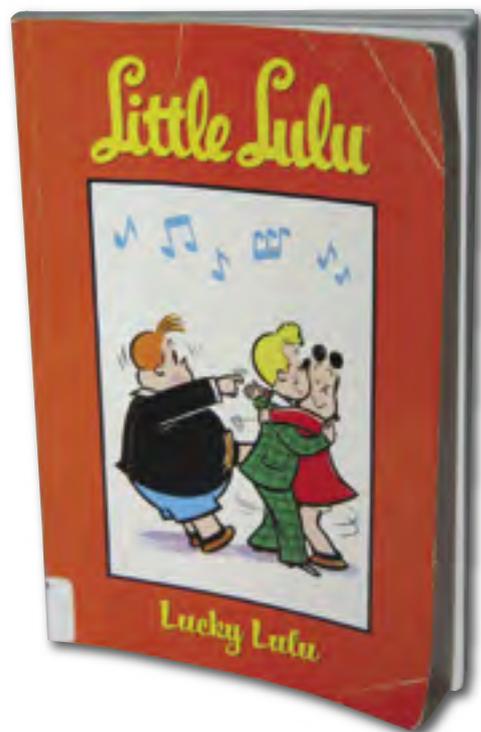
By Jeff Lindsay

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Reviewed by Jana Hausburg

In the sequel, *Dearly Devoted Dexter*, our likeable killer finds himself laying low to avoid a suspicious co-worker. Weeks of playing house with girlfriend Rita and her two kids threaten to turn him into a couch potato with a thirst for light beer rather than

blood. When sister Deb, now a detective, is drawn into pursuit of a twisted psychopath called Dr. Danco, she asks Dexter for help. Can he throw himself into the search without ending up as a patient on the doctor’s bloody operating table?



Lucky Lulu

By John Stanley and Irving Tripp

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ON THE SHELF

Reviewed by Doug Bentin

I just read a volume of Little Lulu reprints because I'm a Baby Boomer in need of a nostalgia fix.

Lulu was created by Marge Buell in 1935 as a single panel gag character for the "Saturday Evening Post." Buell stayed at her Post for over a dozen years, but Lulu moved into animated films in 1943 and comic books two years later. After her debut in comics, the merchandising machine went into overdrive and Lulu Moppet, an eight-year old girl with Shirley Temple curls, was everywhere.

The stories in this reprint edition, *Lucky Lulu*, contain appearances by the significant supporting members of the Lulu saga—Tubby, her chunky male friend and the members of his "Boys Only" club; Wilbur Van Snobbe, the semi-mean rich kid; Alvin, for whom Lulu tells tall tales; and Little Annie, the poor girl with mussed-up hair.

The stories are tales of elementary school warfare between girls and boys, a conflict

that continues mostly through practical jokes. In one yarn, Lulu tricks Wilbur into putting on an old dress and then introducing him to the other fellas as her friend Gladys. In another, Tubby goes through an elaborate charade just to ask a favor of Gloria, the miss on whom he has a crush.

The stories are all pure farce told in basic language for young readers but with a touch of adult cleverness for grown-ups. These comic book stories were written by John Stanley and drawn by Irving Tripp in Buell's style, utilizing simple line drawings, all in black and white. There is no grey in Lulu's pre-adolescent Eden.

Reading Little Lulu, you won't smack your forehead in awe at this genius material you've discovered, but Buell's world will generate a grin or two. If you're old enough to remember Lulu from your childhood, you'll get two or three grins out of each story.



The Worst Hard Time

By Timothy Egan

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ON THE SHELF

Reviewed by Marilyn Backus

American meteorologists have rated the Dust Bowl the number one weather event of the twentieth century.

The Worst Hard Time, Timothy Egan's history of the Dust Bowl, won the 2006 National Book Award for non-fiction. This Oklahoma/Texas history of the Dirty '30s contains true tales of the The Last Man Club, those homesteaders who refused to leave No Man's Land. Their tragedy was their belief that it couldn't get any worse.

Despite warnings from the Indians and the cowboys, who had kept the plains healthy for hundreds of years, farmers fell for the "dry farming" sales pitches of real-estate speculators, and some developers were so dishonest they were convicted of fraud and sent to prison.

During WWI, innovations like tractors and combines produced record harvests, but when the war was over and Russia resumed exporting wheat, the resulting glut forced prices to plummet by 90 percent. Local banks failed, most of which weren't insured, forcing even successful farmers into poverty. They tried to engage the federal government to buy their grain to feed those starving in the cities in the east, but the government did nothing and the wheat continued to rot.

Then, on January 21, 1932, a cloud made of dust and 10,000' high arrived at 60 mph. In April, 1935, as the U.S. Senate considered the Soil Conservation Act, the sky over Washington D.C. turned black. One Senator observed, "This, gentlemen, is what I'm talking about. There goes Oklahoma."



OKLAHOMA IMAGES

Collector's Bookmarks





In celebration of Oklahoma's centennial year and to promote awareness of our 'Oklahoma Images' online database, Metropolitan Library System customers can start collecting monthly limited edition bookmarks.

We know this series of 12 unique bookmarks chronicling moments from Oklahoma County's past will be popular with readers of *info* because the "Oklahoma Images" column, written by Downtown librarian Larry "Buddy" Johnson is one of the magazine's most popular features.

Each bookmark features an image from the Metropolitan Library's 'Oklahoma Images' database, accompanied by a short explanatory caption. One collectable bookmark will be released every month for the duration of 2007.

"This centennial year is an ideal opportunity to emphasize these wonderful photographs," said Kim Terry, Manager of Marketing & Communications. "Our collection contains over 750 historic photographs of people and places within Oklahoma County. Many of the images also have wonderful and entertaining essays that provide an historical context for the photo."

"For the bookmarks, we adapted some of the stories from the online file," said collection curator Larry Johnson. "We've spent the last several years identifying the library system's invaluable photos, and I've written several essays explaining how each particular picture fits into the history of central Oklahoma, and why each is of such interest to professional and amateur historians."

Johnson, who grew up in the western part of the state and comes from a long line of Oklahomans, comes by his interest in Sooner state history honestly, an interest that is reflected in the care he has given to the Oklahoma Images project. "Sometimes it's been real labor, but it's always been a labor of love."

The Oklahoma Images Centennial Bookmarks began distribution at all MLS libraries in February.

To view more historical photos of Oklahoma County's past, visit 'Oklahoma Images' on the Metropolitan Library System's website at www.metrolibrary.org.

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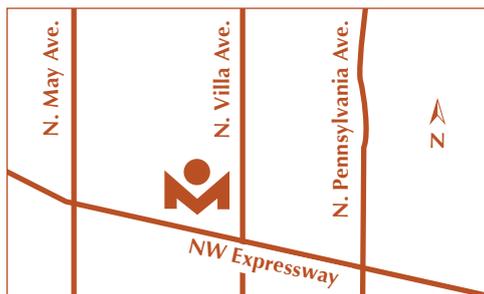
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Belle Isle Library

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

HOURS

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



Lifetime Reader's Society Winter ReadFest 2007 for Seniors

Feb. 1 - March 31

Seniors

If you are age 55 or older, go to any Metropolitan branch library, join Winter ReadFest and read for fun and prizes. Enroll and receive a sign-up gift, read four books or listen to four books-on-tape and enter the drawing to be eligible for a prize. Call 606-3835 for more information. Sign-up continues through March 31.

English as a Second Language

1,6,8,13,15,20,22,27,29

Tue & Thur | 9a-Noon

Adults

Ongoing enrollment with Mid-Del Learning Center. Improve your English speaking, reading, and writing skills in this free class for people who are new to the English language.



For questions and to register, call Mid-Del Learning Center at 739-1783.

AARP Tax Assistance

3,10,17,24,31 | Sat | 9a-1p
6,7,13,14,20,21,27,28 | Tue & Wed | 9a-4p
Adults

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will provide free Federal and State income tax preparation. Bring a copy of last year's return, your 2006 W-2 income forms, & information about your deductions. No appointments taken, first come first served. No new customers after 3p on Tues. & Wed. Co-sponsor: AARP.

Score Small Business Counseling

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.

Queen Victoria: Up Close & Personal Historical Reenactment

4 | Sun | 2-3p

Ages 6-Older

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live at the time of Queen Victoria? March is Women's History Month, so you'll have a chance to be introduced to this towering figure of the 19th century. Victoria herself, in the form of Constance Shillingburg, will be at the Belle Isle Library. Refreshments provided. Please sign up at the Belle Isle Reference Desk.



Developmental Screenings

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

Ages 1 month-5 years

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



Metro OKC Knit Guild Group

18 | Sun | 3-5p

Teens & Older

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

Mary Slessor, Missionary to Africa, Women's History Presentation

19 | Mon | 4-5p

Ages 6-Older

As part of Women's History Month, Karole Stout will bring her life-sized color murals and paintings to tell us about Mary Slessor, a missionary to Africa. Mary Slessor left her Scottish home to sail to Africa to make the lives of natives healthier and happier. She lived among the tribes for 39 years, until 1915.



She rescued over 100 children and raised 51. Her life was a thrilling adventure of surviving in a beautiful, but often hostile land.

Howard Hanger Jazz Fantasy Featuring Dog Breath & Other Mind Boggling Hits for Everyone

22 | **Thur** | 7-8p

All Ages



Howard Hanger is a master entertainer and jazz musician who has toured all over the world. His unique ability to relate his music to all people, from small children to senior citizens, is unparalleled. Please see page 13 for a complete description.

Spring Stories

27 | **Tues** | 10-10:45a

Pre-kindergarten



Spring stories will be shared and kites may be flown. Come enjoy the stories and playtime that follows. Pre-register with Belle Isle Reference Desk or call 843-9601.

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

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



Lifetime Reader's Society Winter ReadFest 2007 for Seniors
Feb. 1 - March 31

Seniors

If you are age 55 or older, go to any Metropolitan branch library, join Winter ReadFest and read for fun and prizes. Enroll and receive a sign-up gift, read four books or listen to four books-on-tape and enter the drawing to be eligible for a prize. Call 606-3835 for more information. Sign-up continues through March 31.

Toddler Story and Play Time

1,8 | **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.

Afternoon Read

8 | **Thur** | 3-4p

Adults 55+

During Winter Readfest we have selected Thursday afternoon to be the perfect time for a book discussion. Tea and cookies will be served. Call 789-8363 the first day of February or stop by the library to find out the title of our book selection. This is a one time event. Limited to Winter Readfest participants only.

Irish Event

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

All Ages



Jean Hill and her Irish dancers will delight young and old. Refreshments will be served after the program. Free event with limited seating. Call 789-8363, ext.3 for more information.

The Children's Hour: Evening Story Time

13 | **Tue** | 6:30-7p

Ages 3-8



Share a half-hour of fun with your child! Enjoy stories, songs and nursery rhymes. Pre-register at the library Information Desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.

Spring Story Time

15 | **Thur** | 10-10:45a and 10:30-11:15a

Ages 3-6



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

Developmental Screenings

16 | **Fri** | 9a-4p

Ages 1 month-5 years



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

Howard Hanger Jazz Fantasy Featuring Dog Breath & Other Mind Boggling Hits for Everyone

21 | **Wed** | 2-3p

All Ages



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Learn What you Need to Know About Medicare

22 | **Thur** | 1-2p

Adults

So you've just turned 65 and you're eligible for Medicare, but have no idea how it works or what to do. SHICP, a state agency, will present an overview and answer questions. Co-sponsor: Senior Health Insurance Counseling Program.

Family Place:

1-2-3 Play with Me!

29 | **Fri** | 10-11a

Children 10 Mths. - 3 1/2 Yrs.



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

Capitol Hill Library

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

HOURS

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



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Dance Dance Revolution

1 | Thur | 6-8p

Ages 11-16

Got mad DDR skilz? Show them off at Capitol Hill's Dance Dance Revolution tournament. Refreshments included.



After School Cool

6,13,20,27 | Tues | 4-5p

Ages 11-16

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



Howard Hanger Jazz Fantasy Featuring Dog Breath & Other Mind

Boggling Hits for Everyone

20 | Tue | 1:30-2:30p

All Ages

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Designing Comic Books

24 | Sat | 2-3:30p

Adults

In this beginning level class Scott Delsigne will teach basic drawing techniques, and how to apply them to comic character creations. Call 634-6308 to register for this program.

Voncille Shipley Book Signing

28 | Wed | 5-7p

All Ages

Oklahoma author Voncille Shipley will visit Capitol Hill Library for a book signing. She is the author of *This Raw Red Land*, *Land of Sun and Flowers*, and *Left for Dead*.

Capitol Hill Advisory of Teens

29 | Thur | 6-7p

Ages 12-18

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

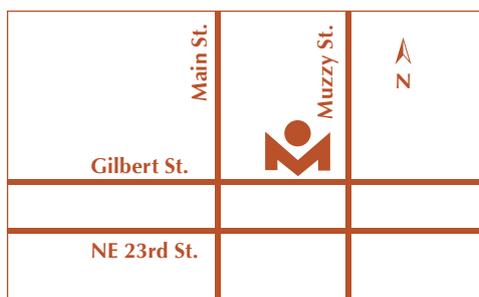


Choctaw Library

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

HOURS

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



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GED

1,6,8,13,20,22,27,29

Tue & Thur | Noon-2p

Adults

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



Developmental Screenings

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

Ages Birth-5 Years with Parent

Free speech and developmental screenings for children from birth through five years of age. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Screenings are by appointment only and take about an hour. Please call 424-4412 to register. Co-Sponsor: OKC-County Health Department.



Beginning

Conversational Spanish

5,12,19,26 | Mon | 4-5p

Teens and Adults

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



Intermediate & Advanced

Conversational Spanish

5,12,19,26 | Mon | 5-6p

Teens and Adults

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



Lapsit for Babies

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.



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Howard Hanger Jazz Fantasy Featuring Dog Breath & Other Mind Boggling Hits for Everyone!

When Howard Hanger performs at 12 libraries during Spring Break week in March, all ages can relate to his music.

This diverse musician equally identifies with children as well as adults and seniors.

For children, Hanger has produced kid friendly songs with names like *Dog Breath*, *Elephant Up My Nose* and *I'm a Little Cookie*—humorous names that attract children's attention.

And adults will be equally entertained when Jazz Fantasy takes off into the traditional standards of Jazz music,

including contemporary, as well as famous children's songs and music made popular by artists such as Dave Brubeck, Louis Armstrong and Chick Corea.

This accomplished Jazz musician plays the keyboard and added to his list of composing kid's songs, has written a full symphony and produced several award winning albums.

Performances will be complemented by unique storytelling and audience involvement.



Mon, March 19	10am	Ralph Ellison Library
	1pm	Midwest City Library
	4pm	Choctaw Library
Tues, March 20	10am	Del City Library
	1:30pm	Capitol Hill Library
	7pm	Warr Acres Library
Wed, March 21	10am	Downtown Library
	2pm	Bethany Library
Thur, March 22	10:30am	Edmond Library
	7pm	Belle Isle Library
Fri, March 23	10:30am	The Village Library
	2pm	Southern Oaks Library

Free Admission

Seating is limited. Doors open 15 minutes before each presentation.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Metropolitan Library System and the Oklahoma Arts Council



Jazz Fantasy is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Metropolitan Library System and the Oklahoma Arts Council.

Choctaw Library continued

Preschool Story Time

6,13,20,27 | Tue | 10:30-11a

Ages 3-5 years

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



Tai Chi

7,14,21,28 | Wed | 6:30-7:30p

Teens and Adults

T'ai Chi Ch'üan, which promotes health and longevity, 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.

Teen Advisory Board

8 | Thur | 6-7p

Grades 7-12

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) will meet once a month to discuss books, brainstorm and plan for teen programs, and have fun. So, if you have an idea about what you would like to see at your library be a part of the TAB.



Family Place Open Play

10 | Sat | 10-11a

6 mos. to 5 years old with parent

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



Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County

15 | Thur | 3:30-5p

Choctaw Library
2525 Muzzy St.
OKC, OK 73020
405.390.8418

The public is welcome to attend.



Howard Hanger Jazz Fantasy Featuring Dog Breath & Other Mind

Boggling Hits for Everyone

19 | Mon | 4-5p

All Ages

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to all people, from small children to senior citizens, is unparalleled. Please see page 13 for a complete description.

Make a Kite

21 | Mon | 2-3p

Ages 5-Older

Spring is here; and kites are especially fun at this time of year. Join us at the library to make a special kite of your own to fly during this wonderfully windy season.



Telling A Story: Basics in Story Presentation

24 | Sat | 10a-Noon

Adults

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

Oklahoma Connections

29 | Thur | 6-7:30p

Teens & Adults

The participants of this group will read and discuss *The Babb Switch Story* by Darleen Bailey Beard, *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls, and *The Rachel Resistance* by Molly Levite Griffis in this series. Co-sponsors: Eastern Oklahoma County Technology Center, Oklahoma Humanities Council, and National Humanities Council.

Del City Library

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

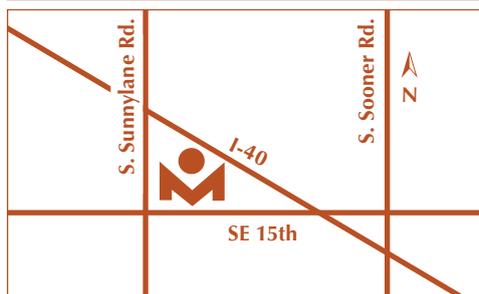
HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-9

Sat: 9-5

Fri: 9-6

Sun: Closed



Lifetime Reader's Society Winter ReadFest 2007 for Seniors

Feb. 1 - March 31

Seniors

If you are age 55 or older, go to any Metropolitan branch library, join Winter

ReadFest and read for fun and prizes. Enroll and receive a sign-up gift, read four books or listen to four books-on-tape and enter the drawing to be eligible for a prize. Call 606-3835 for more information. Sign-up continues through March 31.

Play Time

1 | Thur | 10-11a

Ages 6 months-3 years

Young children will enjoy playing with toys provided by the library! Cheryl Custer from the Oklahoma City/County Health Department will share parenting information. This is a Family Place program.



Basic Computer Training

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

9,16 | Fri | 2-3p

All Ages

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



Health Screening for PreSchoolers

12 | Mon | 9a-4p

Ages 1 month-5 years

Health screenings are offered to pre-school children. Parents are encouraged to bring questions to ask professionals in the area of child development, behavioral health, and speech pathology. Each child must be accompanied by a parent and/or legal guardian. These free screenings take approximately 1 hour. Call 425-4412 to make the appointment. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Department.



Game Night

15 | Thur | 6-7:30p

Teens

Bring the game you like, your best friends and let's have fun. The library will provide a couple of video games.



Chester the Clown Does Spring Break!

19 | Mon | 10-11a

Ages 4-12

Chester the Clown returns to Del City Library to entertain during Spring Break. Children will enjoy his antics! Come for fun!



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20 | Tue | 10-11a
All Ages



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Ten Steps to a Federal Job
20 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p
Adults

Everyone knows Federal jobs offer good pay and great benefits. However, landing a Federal job is often a difficult task. Herman Guidry, from the Tinker Air Force base office of civilian personnel, will visit the Del City Library to show you how you can get a Federal job. Call 672-1377 to pre-register.

Celebrating the Oklahoma Centennial: Oklahoma Authors
27 | Tue | 6:30-7:15p
Ages 4-8



Evening Storytime celebrates Oklahoma's Centennial with stories by Oklahoma authors. Oklahoma City author Gwen Hooks shares her newest story. Join the fun!

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

HOURS

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

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Preschool Story Time
2,9,16,23
Fri | 10-10:40a
Ages 3-6



Come to the library for stories, fingerplays, and an occasional craft or game. Snacks will be provided. Register at ext. 4.

Canterbury Academy of the Vocal Art Celebrates Oklahoma Through Music
3 | Sat | 2-3p
All Ages



The Apprentice Choir, one of two children's choruses of the Canterbury Academy of the Vocal Arts will perform. CAVA Assistant Director Judith Havens has selected a program that includes an Oklahoma Folk-Song medley and Oklahoma singing games called play parties. Accompanist for the group is pianist Kay Boyles. The choir will also perform March 10 at the Midwest City Library. Co-sponsor: Canterbury Academy of the Vocal Arts.

Links Kid's Dance Theater
4 | Sun | 3-4p
All Ages



The Links Kids Dance Theater will present a dance recital featuring girls ages five through 18. This community outreach program is sponsored by the OKC Chapter of Links, Inc., and is a product of a six-year arts trust initiative developed by Dr. Carole Hall Hardeman. Co-sponsor: OKC Chapter of Links, Inc.

Brown Bag Workshop: Sibling Rivalry—What's a Parent to Do?
7 | Wed | Noon-1p
Parents/teachers of children 12 & younger



Bring a brown bag lunch for the parenting workshop of the month. Call 425-4412 to register. Bottled water will be provided as well as childcare licensing credit. Co-sponsor: Child Guidance Division of OKC-County Health Department.

Women's History Month Films
7,21,28 | Wed | 6-8p
Ages 12 & Older



March is Women's History Month! Join the Downtown Library in celebrating

womanhood with films by women, about women, starring women... "I am woman hear me Roar!" Please sign up at the 1st floor Information Desk or call 606-3879. Film dates and titles are as follows:

- 3/7 - *Aquamarine*
- 3/21 - *Bend it Like Beckham*
- 3/28 - *The Devil Wears Prada*

Lunchtime Learning: Economic Census
9 | Fri | 11:30a-1p
Adults



The Oklahoma Department of Libraries and Metropolitan Library System present Lunchtime Learning. Learn more on the topic of the economic census and census' online "County Business Patterns/Zip Code Business Patterns/Metropolitan Business Patterns" tool. Please Call the Downtown Library Information Desk for further information. 606-3897. Co-Sponsor: Oklahoma Department of Libraries.

A Touch of the Irish
11 | Sun | 2-3p
All Ages



Come visit the land of Ireland. Mr. Tim Goff who loves the Irish and has traveled in the "Wee land of Ireland" will share the beauty of that country through his pictures and tales. Co-sponsor: Friendship Force Oklahoma.

E-Mail Basics
14 | Wed | 3-4p
Adults



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

St. Patrick's Day Films
14 | Wed | 6-8p
Ages 13 & Older



March 17 is St. Patrick's Day! Join the Downtown Library for the PG-13 rated film *In America*, a film by Academy Award-winning director Jim Sheridan about an Irish family starting a new life in early-1980s America. Sign up at the 1st floor Information Desk or call 606-3879.

Downtown Library continued

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



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

Puppets for Stories Workshop
15 | **Thur** | 5-6p
Parents/teachers of children 6 & under



Young children love to use handheld puppets in their dramatizations of favorite stories. During this workshop, make several puppets using simple materials to enhance children's learning experiences with literature.

Facilitators are Children's Librarian, Mary Strasner and Katherine Broekhuysen, M.Ed. of the Child Guidance Division of the OKC-County Health Department. Call 425-4412 to register. Childcare licensing credit will be provided.

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All Ages



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Piano Concert with Amy Cheng
25 | **Sun** | 2-3p
All Ages



Everyone is invited to the virtuoso performance of Amy Cheng at the Steinway piano. Her repertoire is varied and enchanting. She is currently pianist for Brightmusic Chamber Music Society and professor of piano at Oklahoma City University. She will be appearing in the 46th Star Auditorium.

Basic Instruction for Beginning Computer Users
27 | **Tue** | 1-2:30p
Adults



Learn basic computer skills including creating, saving, and printing a document. Classes are held in the Route 66 Computer

Lab at the Downtown Library. Registration is required. Please register at the Downtown Library Information Desk or call 606-3879.

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



The Downtown Library is looking for Teens (11-18) to join the DN Teen Advisory Board. Let your voice be heard by suggesting materials for the library to purchase as well as brainstorming ideas for teen programs. Snacks are provided and craft/program ideas might be tried out. There are 3 ways to join the Downtown Library Teen Advisory Board, just pick up an application at the 1st floor Reference Desk, show up at a meeting on the last Tuesday of every month or call Kimberly Ann Edwards at 606-3876.

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



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

Music Time with Ginger's Kindermusik
30 | **Fri** | 10-10:40a
Ages 3-6



Ginger Waldrip, musical educator will lead children in songs, stories and musical games. Register at ext. 4.

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Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me!
1,8,15,22 | **Mon** | 10-11a
Children 10 Mths.-3 1/2 Yrs.



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

GED
1,6,8,13,15,20,22,27
Tues & Thur | 5:30-8:30p
Adults



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

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

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

Children Reading to Dogs — FIDO at the Library
1,8,15,22 | **Thur** | 6-7:30p
For Children who can read



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

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

Comedy Commandos
Introductory
1,15 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p
Teens



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

Comedy Commandos
Advanced
1,15 | Thur | 7:30-8:30p
Teens



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

Stamp Club
3,17 | Sat | 10a-Noon
Grade 4-Up

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

Farsi
4,11,18,25 | Sun
1:30-2:30p
Adults & Teens



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

Parachute Play
5 | Mon | 9:30-10a
Ages 3-6 with Parents



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

Story Time
5,12,19,26 | Mon
10-10:30a
Ages 3-6



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

English as a Second Language
5,7,12,14,19,21,26,28
Mon & Wed | 1-4p
Adults



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

ESL/Citizenship
5,7,12,14,19,21,26,28
Mon & Wed
5:30-8:30p Adults



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

Lapsit Play and Story Time
6,13,20,27 | Tues

9:30-10:15a & 10:30-11:15a
Ages Infants-35 months



Participate in our popular program for infants and toddlers. Be with your child for one-half hour play time with toys in our story time room. This is followed by a 15-minute circle time emphasizing language, songs and books and functioning in a group.

AARP Tax Help
6,13,20,27 | Tues | 11a-3p
7,14,21,28 | Wed | 11a-3p & 6-8:30p
Adults

The AARP Tax Help volunteers will provide free Federal and State income tax preparation beginning Feb. 6-April 11th. Bring a copy of last year's return, your 2006 W-2 income forms, and information about your deductions. No appointments taken, first come, first served. Co-sponsor: AARP.

Chess Class for Kids
6,20 | Tues | 3:30-5p
Ages 7 and older—grade school

This is a chess class taught by a skilled instructor and chess player. It is free. If you are interested in learning more about it, or enrolling your child, please e-mail Connie Hong at ConnieHong.ok@gmail.com Class is for grade school age children. Class meets twice a month.

55+ Coffee Break
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, work on our puzzle, play chess, checkers, Chinese checkers or bring your own game. We will have some books on the side for you to browse through and check out. This is come-and-go event. We only ask you sign our guest book and sign up for the door prize drawings.

Computer Instruction
with Jonathan
7,14,21,28 | Wed | 1-5p
Ages 18 & Older



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

Computer Instruction
with Dave
7,14,21,28 | Wed | 7-8p
Ages 18 & Older



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

Music With Susan
9,23 | Fri | 9:30-10a
9,23 | Fri | 10:15-10:45a
Ages 2-3



Join Susan for musical fun & activities selected just for this age group. Registration begins March 1 for the March 9 session, & March 15 for the March 23 session. Call 341-9282, ext. 4.

Music With Susan
9,23 | Fri | 11-11:30a
Ages 4-5



Join Susan for musical fun & activities selected just for this age group. Registration begins March 1 for the March 9 session, & March 15 for the March 23 session. Call 341-9282, ext. 4.

Edmond Library continued

Dr. Seuss Story Time

With Angela

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

Ages 4-6

Who but Dr. Seuss could spin a yarn about Bartholomew and the Oobleck. And what is oobleck? And why did the king want it? Did the magicians succeed? This foolish king was tired of the liquids and solids that came from the sky. Do you know about liquids and solids? Come find out and hear a funny story as well. Pre-register starting Feb. 19.



Edmond Library Book Bunch Discussion Group

10 | Sat | 10:30-Noon

Seniors

The Edmond Book Bunch meets once a month at the Edmond Library. Please call 341-9282 to register after February 10. (Limited to 15.)

Readers' Choice Book Discussion Group

10 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon

Seniors

The Readers' Choice Book Discussion group meets once a month. The title for this month is *The Quilter's Apprentice* by Jennifer Chiaverini. Please call 341-9282 to register after February 10. (Limited to 15.)

Autism Support Group

12 | Mon | 7-9p

Adults

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

Shirley Wilson's Art Journals

14 | Wed | 10-11a

All Ages

Artist Shirley Wilson will instruct this workshop in Collage artwork. It is the 5th in a year long series of 6 classes, held every other month. Come at 9:30am for Coffee Break before the class begins at 10:00am.



Edmond Library Teen Advisory Board

20 | Tues | 4-5p

Teens

The Teen Advisory Board plans activities for teens at the library. This is also an opportunity to discuss YA books and other media. Refreshments are served at every meeting. Meet others who share your interests.



Toileting Triumph

21 | Wed | 2:30-4p

For Parents/
Child Care Givers

Come discuss ways to make this exciting milestone easier and less stressful for you and your child. We'll talk about signs of readiness, how to help your child be successful and what to do when accidents happen. All workshops are for parents, grandparents and child care providers of children birth to 6 years. Child care is not provided – adults only, please. Call 425-4412 to pre-register. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Dept.



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Open Mic Poetry Reading

26 | Mon | 7-9p

Adults & Teens

The *Edmond Sun* and the Edmond Public Library are hosting an open-mic poetry reading the last Monday of every month, from 7-9 pm at the library. Adults and teens are welcome & encouraged to attend. There will also be featured guest-artists reading from their works as announced. Poems may either be original or ones by other poets. For more information about how to participate contact Andy Bowen at the *Edmond Sun*, 340-7355. Co-sponsor: *Edmond Sun*.



Developmental Screening

28 | Wed | 10:30a-4p

Birth to Age 5
with parent or guardian

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



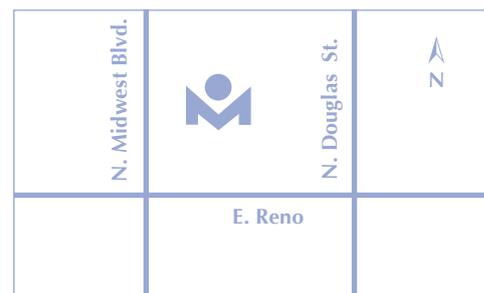
Midwest City Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6



Women's History Month and 100 Year Anniversary of the YWCA

in Oklahoma: Exhibit

1-31 | Library Hours

All Ages

The Oklahoma City YWCA turns 100 this year too! To celebrate this milestone, and as part of Women's History Month, an exhibit at the Midwest City Library will run throughout March and will highlight the history of the local YWCA. The YWCA is the oldest and largest multicultural women's organization in the world. Across the globe, there are more than 25 million YWCA members in 122 countries. The YWCA's mission is to "Eliminate racism, Empower women." The exhibit is free and open to the public during all library hours.



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Community Quilting Class with Soldier Creek Quilting Group

5,12,19,26

Mon | 9:15a-2:30p

Adults

Come join the Soldier Creek Quilting Group and watch as members of this group



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Tuesday | April 17, 2007

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7:00pm dinner

For more information,
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visit www.metrolibrary.org.



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 H is for Homicide K is for Killer
 P is for Peril Q is for Quarry
 J is for Judgment F is for Fugitive
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What You Need to Know About Medicare



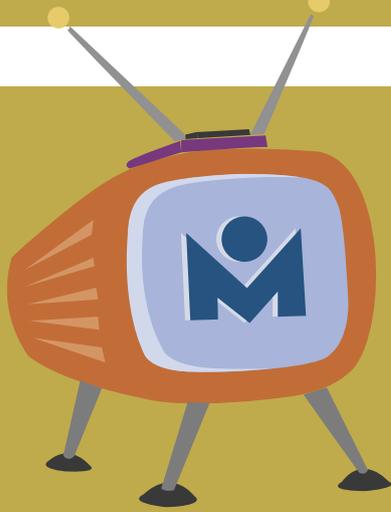
There are many Web sites on the Internet to help you navigate the Medicare nightmare. But during March you can go to four libraries where real people will help answer even the most basic Medicare questions.

In this informative workshop you will learn about the four parts of Medicare A, B, C and D. A is the hospital and medical part, C is the combination of A & B. And you probably already know that D is the prescription drug coverage.

A representative from the Oklahoma Insurance Department's Senior Health Insurance Counseling Program will help present this overview of Medicare then answer questions.

The Counseling Program is available free to Seniors for accurate and objective counseling, assistance and advocacy relating to Medicare, Medicaid, Medicare Supplements, Medicare+Choice, Long-Term Care and other related health coverage plans for Medicare beneficiaries, their representatives, or persons soon to be eligible for Medicare.

March 20	10-11a	Midwest City Library
March 22	1-2p	Bethany Library
March 28	Noon-1:30p	Ralph Ellison Library
March 29	10-11a	Warr Acres Library



Read About It

Discussions with Authors & Book Reviews

TIMES

Mon-Fri: 9a

Thur: 4:30p

Tue: 4:30p

Sat: 2p

Cox Channel 7

Oklahoma City-Norman

Cox Channel 3

Tulsa, Okmulgee, Henryetta & Muskogee

Cox Channel 29

Cushing Drumright, Enid & Stillwater

OKLAHOMA CITY— A military murder, a negro cowboy who helped settle west Texas, a slave turned philanthropist, and the Oklahoma Book Awards are subjects discussed on 'Read About It,' the cable TV show brought to you by the Metropolitan Library System. This month, hostess B.J. Williams will welcome the following guests.

March 5 Mel Odom, an international best-selling author who writes in several fictional genres, will discuss *Paid In Blood*.

March 11 Glenda Carlile, author, is executive director of the Oklahoma Center for the Book at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries.

March 18 Bruce G. Todd, a former marine who lives in Texas, will discuss *Bones Hooks: Pioneer Negro Cowboy*.

March 25 DWe Williams, well-known local storyteller and performer with Rhythmically Speaking and Ebony Voices, will discuss *Bridget 'Biddy' Mason: A Walking Sensation*.

Guests and program schedules are subject to change without notice.

Midwest City Library continued

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

Lapsit Play and Story Time

5,12,19,26 | Mon

9:30-10:15a

and 10:30-11:15a

10 Months-3 Years

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



Teens Advising Library Keepers

5 | Mon | 4:30-5:30p

Ages 11-19

What teen programs and events do you want to see at Midwest City Library? What kinds of books would you like to see added to the teen collection? If you're a teenager with opinions to these questions and more join us at T.A.L.K. today. Pre-register at 732-4828.



German Language for Beginners

5 | Mon | 6:30-8:30p

Adults & Teens

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



Young Writer's Club

6 | Tue | 4:30-5:30p

Ages 10-12

Come join this group of young aspiring writers. If you enjoy writing stories, this club is for you. Bring a story or poem you've written to share with us. We'll do some mad libs and a writing exercise. You must sign up at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828.

Mid-Del Toastmasters

6,13,20,27 | Tue | 6-8p

Adults 18-Older

If you are like most people, public speaking is not your favorite pastime. Surveys

show that presentation skills are crucial to success in the work place. 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.

Preschool Story Time

7,14,21

Wed | 10-10:40a

Ages 3-5

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



Fiber Art Design Group Exhibit

March 8 - April 2

All Ages

The Midwest City Library is pleased to host an exhibit of the Fiber Art Design Group. Since the mid 1990's, FADG members have been exploring how to use fiber in unique ways—some members push the limits of time-honored methods while others develop new ways to use the familiar. Fiber techniques include felting, weaving, yarn

painting, embroidery, dyeing, surface design, photo-transfer, and embellishing.

Computer Basics for Adults & Seniors

8 | Thur | 9:30-11:30a
Adults and Seniors



Library staff will lead these computer classes for adults & seniors who know little to nothing about using a computer but want to learn. Learn the basics of using a computer, printer and mouse. Also, students will be introduced to opening, storing, and writing electronic documents. Enrollment is limited to eight students per class. Please pre-register at the Information Desk or call 732-4828.

Hunter Education Safety Course

10 | Sat | 9a-2:30p
Ages 10-12

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. 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. Participants ages 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Mid-Del Basket Weavers

10,24 | Sat | 1:30-4:30p
Adults

Come join the Mid-Del Basket Weavers to develop or showcase your skills. This group is just forming and is actively encouraging beginners and advanced basket weavers to check it out. The group plans to meet two Saturday afternoons a month. To register for this program, please sign up at the Information Desk or call 732-4828, extension 3.

Canterbury Academy of the Vocal Art Celebrates Oklahoma

Through Music

10 | Sat | 2-3p
All Ages



The Apprentice Choir, one of two children's choruses of the Canterbury Academy of the Vocal Arts will perform. CAVA Assistant Director Judith Havens has selected a program that includes an Oklahoma Folk-Song medley and Oklahoma singing games called play parties. Accompanist for the group is

pianist Kay Boyles. Co-sponsor: Canterbury Academy of the Vocal Arts.

Writers Refuge: Teen Writing Workshop

13 | Tues | 5-6p
Ages 13-19



Writer's Refuge gives teens the opportunity to talk with other teens about writing. Bring several samples of your writing to discuss with other teen writers. For grades 7-12. Pre-register by calling 732-4828.

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

14 | Wed | 4-5p
Grades 3-12



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

Internet Basics for Adults & Seniors

15 | Thur | 9:30-11:30a
Adults and Seniors



Library staff will lead these computer classes for adults & seniors who know little to nothing about the Internet but want to learn. Via "hands-on" computer-based instruction, you will learn the basics of Internet usage, search the Internet via several popular search engines, and preview several general interest Internet sites. Enrollment is limited. Pre-register at the Information Desk or call 732-4828.

Fold It Up: Origami

17 | Sat | Noon-1:30p
Ages 10-16



Learn how to fold paper into works of art. Join us at the Midwest City Library to learn the basics of origami and how to read origami books. Pre-register at 732-4828.

Howard Hanger Jazz Fantasy Featuring Dog Breath & Other Mind

Boggling Hits for Everyone

19 | Mon | 1-2p
All Ages



Howard Hanger is a master entertainer and jazz musician who has toured all over the world. His unique ability to relate his music to all people. Please see page 13 for a complete description.

Learn What you Need to Know About Medicare

20 | Tue | 10-11a
Adults

So you've just turned 65 and you're eligible for Medicare, but have no idea how it works or what to do. SHICP, a state agency, will present an overview and answer questions. Co-sponsor: Senior Health Insurance Counseling Program.

Whose Line? Improv Night!

20 | Tue | 5-6:30p
All Ages



Join us at Midwest City Library for fun improv games based off the TV show *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* No experience required. Pre-register by calling 732-4828.

Internet & E-mail Tutorial

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



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

Speech and Behavioral Health Screenings

26 | Mon | 9a-4:30p
1 Month-Age 5



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

Workshop for Parents

26 | Mon | 5-6p
Parents



Calling all parents! Come join the child care development specialists of the OCCHD and learn about topics of concern to parents of

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school-age children. March's topic is Fun to Be Four and will describe how knowing the characteristics of the four-year-old child can help parents aid their development. Call 425-4412 to register. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.

Getting Into Gear to Write: A Writers Workshop

26 | Mon | 6:30-8p

Adults Age 18 and Older

This is a four-part workshop that will meet every two weeks beginning on March 26 and ending May 7, 2007. The instructor, Jan Hall, who has taught creative writing at Rose State College and elsewhere, will provide an overview of the creative writing process for new and experienced writers alike. Participants will be taught various aspects of writing, including the writer's voice, finding ideas, how to create space and time for writing, and how to find a market for your work. Class members will participate in various interactive exercises and will receive various handouts. Space is limited to the first ten persons to commit to attend all four classes. To register call Rich at 732-4828.

Toddler Aerobics

28 | Wed | 10-10:30a

Ages 2-5

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



Lifetime Reader's Society Winter ReadFest 2007 for Seniors

Feb. 1 - March 31

Seniors

If you are age 55 or older, go to any Metropolitan branch library, join Winter ReadFest and read for fun and prizes. Enroll and receive a sign-up gift, read four books or listen to four books-on-tape and enter the drawing to be eligible for a prize. Call 606-3835 for more information. Sign-up continues through March 31.

GED Classes

1,6,8,13,15,20,22,27, 29

Tues & Thur | 5-8p

Adults

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



VITA Income Tax Assistance

3,10,17,24,31 | Sat | 9a-4p

Adults

Trained volunteers will provide free basic tax help on 2006 returns. Bring a copy of last year's return, W-2 income forms, & information about deductions. A photo ID is required to file taxes.

Society of Urban Poets

3 | Sat | 11a-1p

Adults

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

Math Tutoring for Students

5,12,19 | Mon | 4-6p

Elementary-High School

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



Let's Talk Toastmasters

7,14,21,28 | Wed | 6-7p

Adults

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

AARP Monthly Meeting

15 | Thur | 10-11:30a

Adults 50+

Discussion of issues affecting Seniors 50 years and older.

Howard Hanger Jazz Fantasy Featuring Dog Breath & Other Mind Boggling Hits for Everyone

19 | Mon | 10-11a

All Ages

Howard Hanger is a master entertainer and jazz musician who has toured all over the world. His unique ability to relate his music to all people, from small children to senior citizens, is unparalleled. Please see page 13 for a complete description.



Teen Spring Flicks

23 | Fri | 3-4:30p

Teens

Come celebrate Spring time while relaxing and viewing a great flick! Popcorn & drinks will be served. Pre-register at 424-1437.



Preschool Story Time

27 | Tue | 10-10:40a

Ages 3-Older

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



Learn What You Need to Know About Medicare

28 | Wed | Noon-1:30p

Seniors

Ralph Ellison Library and the OK Insurance Dept's SHICP Division is providing a free workshop to assist those turning 65. The Senior Health Insurance Counseling Program (SHICP) helps inform the public about Medicare and other senior health insurance issues. This division provides accurate and objective counseling, assistance and advocacy relating to Medicare, Medicaid, Medicare Supplements, Medicare+Choice, Long-Term Care and other related health coverage plans for Medicare beneficiaries, their representatives, or persons soon to be eligible for Medicare.

Ralph Ellison Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed

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Tax Help: AARP & VITA

AARP Tax-Aide offers free tax assistance to local citizens in filing their 2006 taxes. Be sure to bring your W-2's and/or 1099's, photo I.D. and Social Security number. To save time bring your 2005 tax papers with you. First-come, first-serve. Volunteers will be available beginning Feb. 1 thru April 14.

Belle Isle Library

March 3,10,17,24,31 | Sat | 9a-1p
 March 4,11,18,25 | Sun | 1-4p
 March 6,7,13,14,20,21,27,28 | Tue & Wed
 9a-4p (No new customers after 3p)

Edmond Library

March 6,7,13,14,20,21,27,28
 Tue & Wed | 11a-3p
 March 7,14,21,28 | Wed | 6-8:30p

Southern Oaks Library

March 1,7,8,14,15,21,22,28,29
 Wed & Thur | 9a-2:30p

Village Library

March 3,10,17,24 | Sat | 10a-3p
 March 6,13,20,27 | Tue | 10a-8p
 March 7,14,21,28 | Wed | 10a-3p

Warr Acres Library

March 5,12,19,26 | Mon | 9a-3p

Ralph Ellison Library

VITA Income Tax Assistance
 March 3,10,17,24,31 | Sat | 9a-4p
 Adults

Trained volunteers will provide free basic tax help on 2006 returns. Bring a copy of last year's return, W-2 income forms, & information about deductions. A photo ID is required to file taxes.

Southern Oaks Library

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

HOURS

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



Lifetime Reader's Society Winter ReadFest 2007 for Seniors

Feb. 1 - March 31

Seniors

If you are age 55 or older, go to any Metropolitan branch library, join Winter ReadFest and read for fun and prizes. Enroll and receive a sign-up gift, read four books or listen to four books-on-tape and enter the drawing to be eligible for a prize. Call 606-3835 for more information. Sign-up continues through March 31.

Celebrate Oklahoma Aviation & Women's History Month

1-31 | Library Hours

All Ages

Come to the Southern Oaks Library anytime in March to view our "Women in Aviation" display, and handouts & brochures of the 99's Museum of Women Pilots.

AARP Tax Assistance

1,7,8,14,15,21,22,28,29 | Wed & Thur

9a-2:30p

Adults

The AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will provide free Federal and State income tax preparation every Wednesday and Thursday, beginning, Feb. 1 and ending April 12. Bring a copy of last year's return, your 2006 W-2 income forms, information about your deductions. No appointments taken, first come first served. Co-Sponsor: AARP

Preschool Story Time

5,12,26 | Mon

10:30-11:15a

Ages 2-6

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



GED @ the Library

5,7,12,14,19,21,26,28
 Mon & Wed | 3:30-6p

Ages 16 & Older

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



After School Cool

6,13,27 | Tue | 4-5p

Ages 10-16

Artist Paul Medina will take your mind on an artistic journey you will never forget. Paul will explore different visual media. Call 631-4468 for more information. Co-sponsor: Youth Cornerstone.



Healthy Eating Habits 101

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

Adults

A national survey by the American Dietetic Association shows that taste, time and confusion are most frequently named as barriers to good nutrition. Many people think eating well takes too much time. Keri Hamilton, a registered/licensed dietitian and member

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of the Oklahoma Dietetic Association will provide a hands-on workshop demonstrating healthy shortcuts without short changing your nutrition. Hand-outs and healthy snacks will be provided free of charge. Call the Southern Oaks Library at 631-4468 to register for the free workshop. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma Dietetic Association.

Southern Oaks Book Club
13 | 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.

Scarlet Kitsune Anime Club
13,27 | Tue | 6:30-8:30p
Ages 13 & Older



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

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

If you enjoy writing stories, poems, or comics, this club is for you. We encourage you to bring something you've written to share. We'll do some writing activities, mad libs, and more. Pre-registration is required. Please sign up by calling 631-4468 or by visiting the Information Desk.

How To Get A Job—Workshop!
19 | Tues | 11a- 12:30p
Ages 14-Older



This seminar will help you identify potential employers, learn the best way to approach them, and beat the interview jitters. Topics covered will include: resume writing techniques, application completion tips, interview and presentation skills, online job searching tips, and more. Call 631-4468 for more information. Co-sponsor: Workforce Oklahoma.

Street Art Studio With Kiona
20 | Tues | 2-5p
Ages 13-25



In this open studio artist Kiona Millirons will demonstrate how to create personal shrines with found objects, photographs, and other personal items. Bring items you would like to include or create with the materials provided. Call 631-4468 for more information.

Howard Hanger Jazz Fantasy Featuring
Dog Breath & Other Mind
Boggling Hits for Everyone



23 | Fri | 2-3:30p
All Ages
 Howard Hanger is a master entertainer and jazz musician who has toured all over the world. His unique ability to relate his music to all people, from small children to senior citizens, is unparalleled. Please see page 13 for a complete description.

Book Adventure: Kid's Book Club
29 | Thur | 4:30-5:30p
Grades 1-3

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

Developmental
Health Screening
30 | Fri | 9:30a-4p
1 Month-5 Years



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

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

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

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

Lifetime Reader's Society Winter
ReadFest 2007 for Seniors
Feb. 1 - March 31
Seniors

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Yoga for Adults
1,8,15,22 | Thur | 1:30-2:30p
Adults

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

Socrates Cafe
1 | Thur | 5-6p
Ages 13-25



Come and be a part of a new philosophy group designed to foster ideas and spark discussion in a respectful forum. Sign up at the Information Desk.

Toddler Aerobics
2,9,16 | Fri | 10-10:30a
Ages 2-5



This aerobics class for young children features songs and exercises designed to develop fine and gross motor skills. Please pre-register.

AARP Tax Assistance
3,10,17,24,31 | Sat | 10a-3p
6,13,20,27 | Tue | 10a-8p
7,14,21,28 | Wed | 10a-3p
Adults

The Village Library is sponsoring AARP Tax-Aide who offers free tax assistance, to local citizens in filing your 2006 taxes. Be sure to bring your W-2's and/or 1099's, photo I.D. and Social Security number. To save time bring your 2005 tax papers with you. First-come, first-serve. Volunteers will be available beginning Feb. 3 thru April 14.

Tai Chi
5,12 | Mon | 9-10a
Adults

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

ESL
5,7,12,14,26,28
Mon & Wed | 6-8:30p
Adults



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

Basic Computer Skills
8 | Thur | 6:30-9p
Adults



Free, individualized computer instruction at the Village Library in the basics of: Email, Microsoft Word, Internet Searching, and Working with Photos. One 30-minute to 60-minute session per week for up to four weeks. Sessions available Monday through Thursday evenings 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm and Saturdays 9:00 am - 11:00 am. Call 755-0710 to arrange instruction sessions.

Let's Talk About Music
8,15 | Thur | 7-8:30p
All Ages



The Oklahoma String Quartet presents an information and music performance called "Let's Dance" on March 8. This is part of the Oklahoma City Philharmonic "Let's Talk About Music" series. Musicians play and talk to audience members about their selections as they go. And on March 15, join the Mid-America String Quartet, musicians

from the Oklahoma City Philharmonic, as they present a free concert. Performers will play and discuss their songs & instruments during the evening. Great experience for the whole family!

Attic Light Book Club
15,29 | Thur | 3:30-4:30p
Grades 3-5

We'll meet every other week for two months to discuss a terrific book, eat snacks, make a craft, or play a game. You can pick up the book at the Information Desk. Please read the book before the meeting. Pre-register.

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



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

Book Discussion Group
19 | Mon | 3-4p
Adults

We always have a lot to say at the Village book discussion group! Join us every 3rd Monday of the month at 3 p.m. to discuss our latest pick. Copies of this month's title can be picked up at the Village Information Desk.

Computer Basics
21 | Thur | 6:30-8p
Adults



Free computer class for adults! Learn to create folders in which to save documents and photos, how to save a file into a folder, and how to move existing files into folders. Wednesday, March 21, 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Come in or call to sign-up. Village Library (405) 755-0710.

Howard Hanger Jazz Fantasy Featuring Dog Breath & Other Mind Boggling Hits for Everyone
23 | Fri | 10:30-11:30a
All Ages



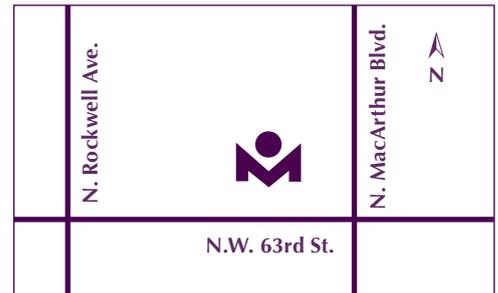
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Warr Acres Library
 5901 N.W. 63rd, Warr Acres
 (405) 721-2616

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
 Sun: Closed



Winter ReadFest 2007 for Seniors
Feb. 1 - March 31
Seniors

If you are age 55 or older, go to any Metropolitan branch library, join Winter ReadFest and read for fun and prizes. Enroll and receive a sign-up gift, read four books or listen to four books-on-tape and enter the drawing to be eligible for a prize. Call 606-3835 for more information. Sign-up continues through March 31.

Game On!
1 | Thur | 7-8p
Teens



It doesn't matter if you are new to electronic gaming or a seasoned pro: Plug in! Game on! Have Fun! Please register by calling 721-2616.

AARP Tax Assistance
5,12,19,26 | Mon | 9a-3p
Adults

AARP Volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2006 state and federal tax returns every Monday from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

English as a Second Language
5,7,12,14,19,21,26,28
Mon & Wed | 5:30-8:30p
Adults



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

Warr Acres Library continued

Pre-School Story Time
6,20 | Tue | 10:30-11:15a
Ages 3-5



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

Bottles, Binkies, and Ear Infections

6 | Tue | 3-4p

Adults: Parents/Caregivers of Small Children



Find out when and why to wean your child from the bottle. After a certain age, bottles may contribute to the recurrence of ear infections. We will discuss the symptoms of ear infections and how they may affect language skills. The controversy of the use of pacifiers will also be discussed. Facilitated by Robyn Sears and Deborah Shapiro. Sign up is required by calling Child Guidance at 425-4412. No daycare is provided.

Family Place:

1-2-3 Play with Me!
7 | Wed 10:30-11:30a



Children 10 Mths.-3 1/2 Yrs.

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

Read to a Special Dog

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

Ages 6 and Older

Loveable dogs and their trained owners will help children develop confidence and skills in reading. So, bring your favorite picture book and enjoy a time of reading in our meeting room. Dogs and owners are certified with Therapy Dogs International. Please pre-register.

Birthday Parties from Around the World: Sweden

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

Ages 4 & Older



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

Boru's Ghost in Concert

10 | Sat | 2-3p

All Ages



Get in the mood for the wearing of the green with a concert. The sound of Boru's Ghost is an eclectic mix of acoustic rock, Celtic and folk music. Come and enjoy a refreshing blend of music by this talented band. Light refreshments will be served.

Warr Acres Book Club

12 | Mon | 11a-Noon

Adults

The Warr Acres Book Club will be reading *Land of Second Chances* by George Shaffner. Come be a part of the discussion. Pre-register by calling 721-2616.

Play Time for Babies and Tots

14,21,28 | Wed

9:15-10a and

10:30-11:15a

Ages 8 months-2 Years



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

Preschool Developmental

Screening

16 | Fri | 9a-4p

Birth to Age 5

with parent or guardian



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

Coffee Break

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

Adults

Join us for coffee & conversation in a relaxed, informal setting. Coffee & light refreshments will be served at the library.

Howard Hanger Jazz Fantasy Featuring Dog Breath & Other Mind

Boggling Hits for Everyone

20 | Mon | 7-8p

All Ages



Howard Hanger is a master entertainer and jazz musician who has toured all over the world. His unique ability to relate his music to all people, from small children to senior citizens, is unparalleled. Please see page 13 for a complete description.

Learn What you Need to Know About Medicare

29 | Thur | 10-11a

Adults

So you've just turned 65 and you're eligible for Medicare, but have no idea how it works or what to do. SHICP, a state agency, will present an overview and answer questions. Co-sponsor: Senior Health Insurance Counseling Program.

Rob Vollmar Presents:

Writing Fiction

29 | Thur | 7-8:30p

Teens



Give your fiction writing a burst with Rob Vollmar. Whether you're writing your first novel or your tenth, Fiction Writing is right for you! From feedback on your writing to meeting other writers or readers, you'll be amazed at what this fiction writing experience will provide. Signup today and learn more about writing. You'll find writing tips, writing tricks, and writing reviews. We look forward to seeing your writing at the Warr Acres Library, 721-2616.

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Off the Beaten Path

Discovering New Literary Treasures

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

Larson, Erik. *The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic and Madness at the Fair that Changed America*.

364.1523/L3346d

Daniel H. Burnham was the architect who designed the 1893 Chicago World's Fair. Author Larson compares his achievements

to those of the pseudonymous H.H. Holmes, one of the first serial killers on record. As Burnham constructed a monument to modernism, Holmes was in the same city at the same time building his shrine to death. A tremendous best seller, this book is one of the great recent works of popular history.

Liss, David. *A Conspiracy of Paper*.

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It's a novel about the origins of stock speculation, about the life of Jews in 18th century London, and a thriller about the early days of organized crime. It's also been called an "adventure yarn full of dastardly villains, brawls, wenches and as commanding a hero as has graced a novel in some time."



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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
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*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	9-5	—	9-5	—	10-5	9-1	—
*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.