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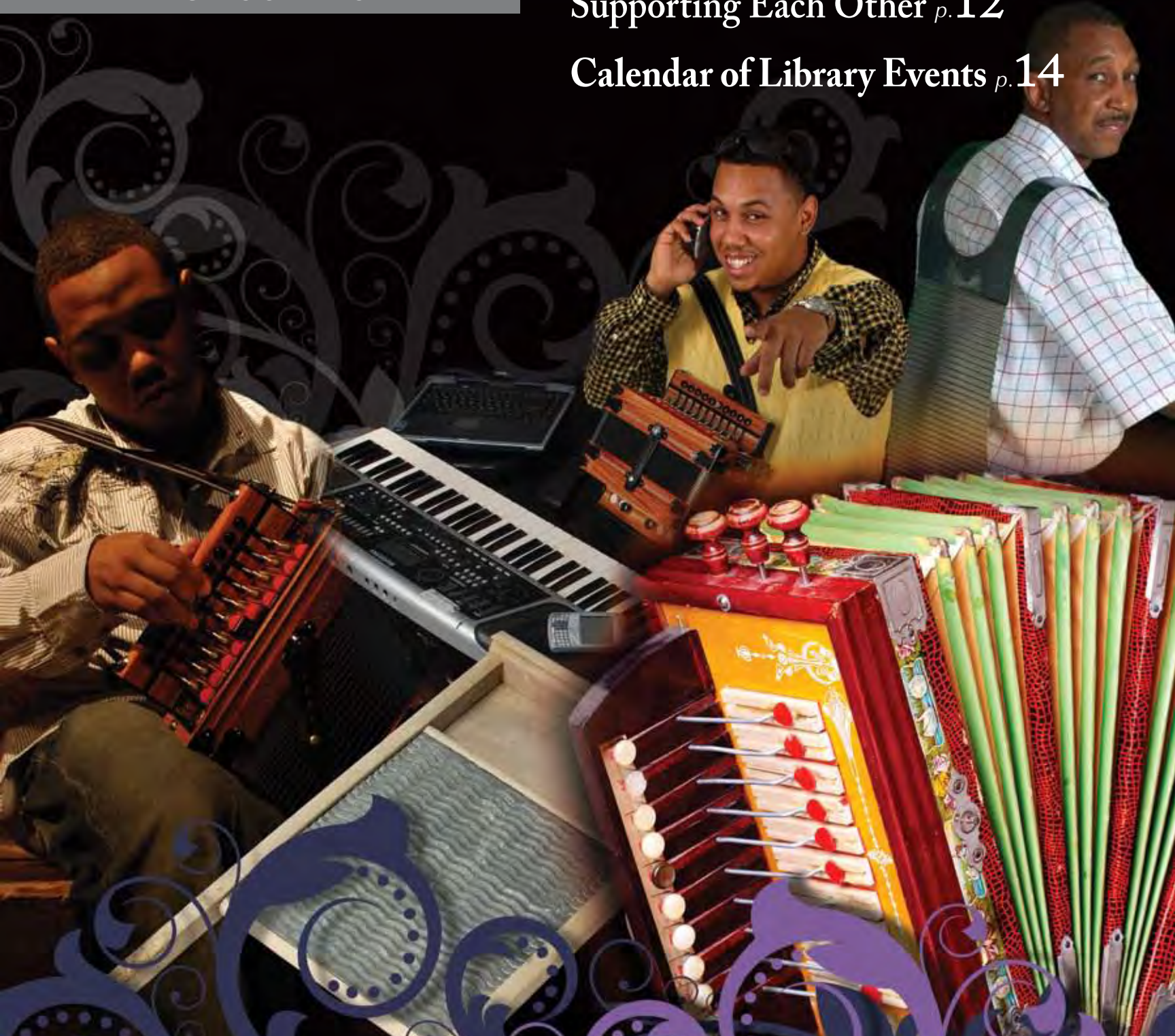
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Winter is on its last legs as we rush to greet the First Day of Spring on March 20. You can prepare for that happy day by attending one of our Spring Fling events. This year, we're featuring Zydeco music from Louisiana. Not sure what that is? Take a look at the article in this issue.

This month in *info*, we'll also tell you how you can donate to your favorite library, we'll take an "up close" look at the Warr Acres Library, and, as always, we'll have our monthly Calendar of Events for you.

So as Winter gives way to Spring this month, you'll want to March to the library for programming events, good print and audio books, CDs and DVDs. We're saving the best stuff just for you.



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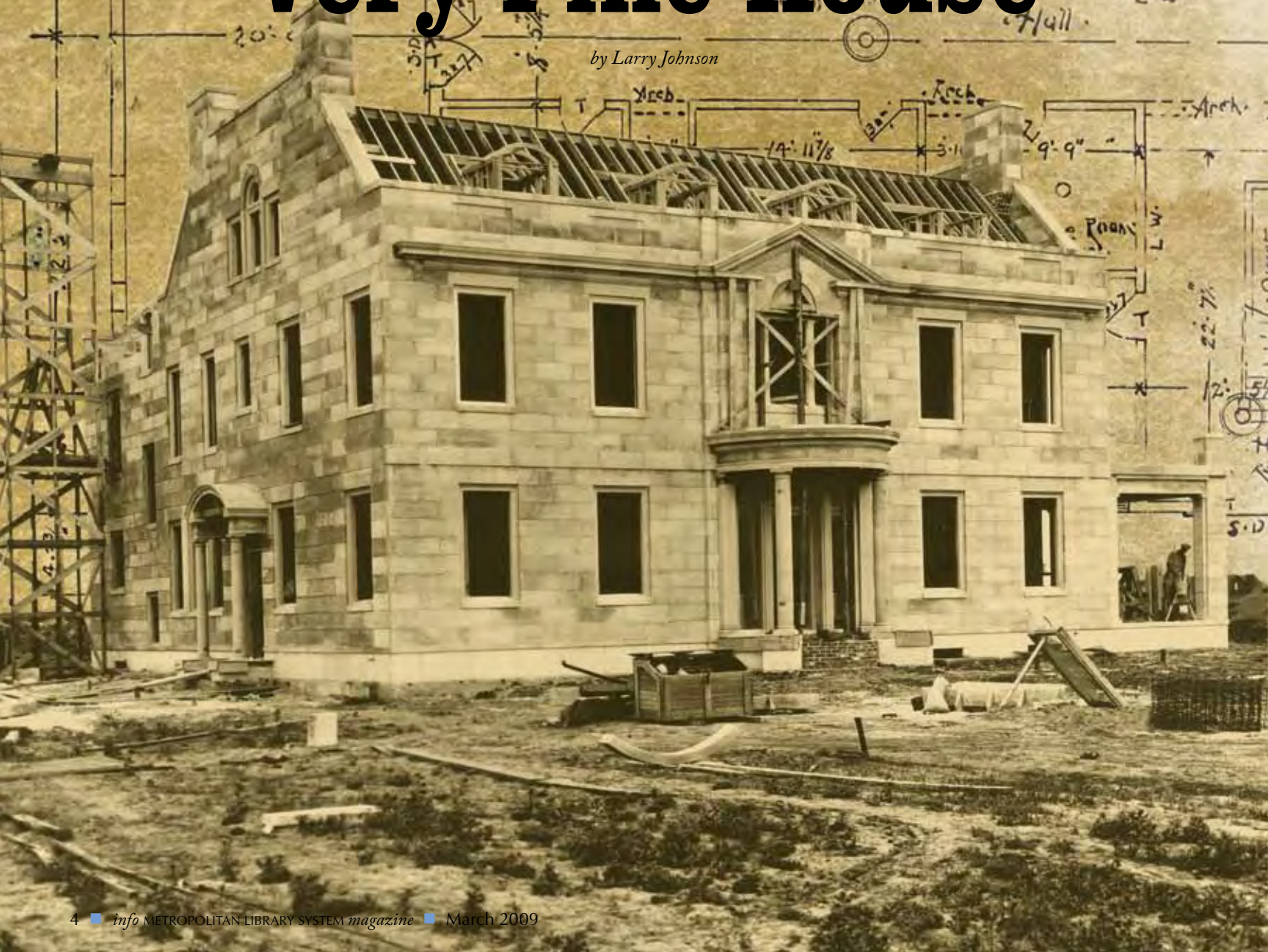
Leon Chavis and the Zydeco Flames.



Oklahoma Images

Our House Is a Very, Very, Very Fine House

by Larry Johnson



I've been researching and writing about Oklahoma's governors lately, so I thought I'd share this photo of the nearly completed Governor's Mansion, probably taken in the summer of 1928.

Because of who we were and who we are I'm surprised the thing ever got built at all. We used to be the state where farmers, laborers, and the dispossessed had at least a fighting chance at the American Dream and I can see those folks making the case that a governor of those kind of folks ought to be just fine living out of the nicest hotel in town for the four years he was allowed to serve them. We've gotten to be the kind of place that kicks up a fuss when everyone is asked to kick in their fair share of taxes and have been sold on the idea that everyone ought to take care of themselves; we have the roads, bridges and schools to show for it. I suspect there'd be quite a debate over whether the governor should be granted such a dwelling at our expense if it were up for discussion these days.

Governor's mansions are funny things. Not every state has one and of those that do, not every governor uses them

(California's famous leader commutes by jet from Los Angeles). Our situation is somewhat complicated by the fact that for decades our capitol was so unusually far from the center of town that the governor had a healthy commute just to

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get to work in the morning. Consider that coups and impeachments were common occurrences in those days and you see why an Oklahoma governor would prefer to be close to his office.

In 1927, the state was flush with oil revenues and the legislature came across with \$100,000 to build, furnish,

and landscape a suitable residence for the governor (\$75,000 for the home, \$25,000 for the rest). That may sound like a lot for the time, but remember, the governor doesn't just live there, he has to entertain and receive exalted guests there. It has to be a classic, attractive, well-built place and even in 1927, that sum wasn't going to buy much of a mansion. The architects had designed a much statelier home, but had to scale it back significantly to build it for what amounted to less than the standard highway contractor's kickback (thankfully we don't have that problem these days).

I like our mansion, though. I think it fits us just fine. It's not too big and not too rustic. It seems to fit a state that is consistently in the middle of most 50-state statistics. If you haven't been to see it, I suggest you take the opportunity. It's ours; we built it. And the current residents couldn't be more gracious hosts.

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



Reviews & Recommendations

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ON THE SHELF

Bel Canto

by Ann Patchett

Reviewed by Chris Carroll



Some novels are so hypnotically great that a reader is compelled to slow the pace with several chapters left. Paragraphs and then sentences and individual words are re-read to put off the inevitable end, and finding another book to read next that will be anywhere near as compelling seems unrealistic.

Not only is Ann Patchett's PEN/Faulkner Award winning novel *Bel Canto* one of these books, but it also describes that same type of experience of desperately wanting to hang on to a fleeting moment.

The setting was inspired by an actual South American hostage crisis in the mid-1990s, but *Bel Canto's* story of guerrillas and hostages inside a government mansion slowly reveals a web of unlikely human connections. In the midst of terror and loss, a surprising thread binds characters of different languages, cultures, and classes.

Among the hostages is a world-famous opera singer whose music deeply affects every listener in the mansion's constricted world. Reading the

novel is like listening to one of her spellbinding songs, as time and thoughts of the outside world cease to exist.

Ann Patchett has written several other lyrically beautiful novels, like *The Patron Saint of Liars* and *The Magician's Assistant*, and her non-fiction books *Truth and Beauty* and *What Now?* are equally moving. Ms. Patchett will be the featured speaker at the annual Literary Voices™ dinner on April 14, with the proceeds benefitting the Library Endowment Trust. She will also be appearing at the Downtown Library the morning of April 15 to discuss her writing and sign copies of her books. For more information, call the library's Development Office at 606-3760.

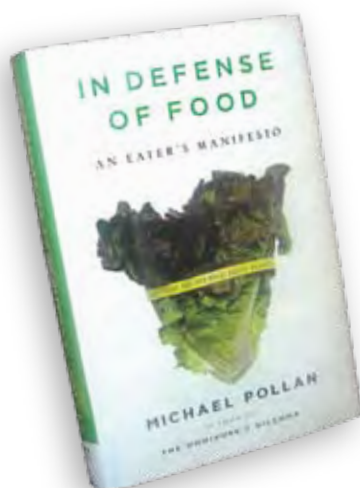
This title is also available in large print and as an audio book.

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

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ON THE SHELF

In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto by Michael Pollan

Reviewed by Terrie Thomas



Eat food. Not too much. Mostly plants.

Do you ever get confused by all the latest research on what to eat, what's healthy, what's not – and end up thinking that all scientists are nuts, or at least spinning in circles? Then this is your book!

Pollan, a contributing writer to the New York Times Magazine, cuts through all the confusion of what passes for nutrition and gets to what is actually good for us to eat and why, with plenty of research and lots of common sense to back it up. His advice boils down to eating only foods

your grandmother would recognize by reading the label (hint: anything beginning with poly- or containing multiple hyphens doesn't qualify).

An enjoyable and insightful read, this book provides an excellent complement to Barbara Kingsolver's *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*. (Oh, and stay away from high-fructose corn syrup.)

This title is also available as an audiobook.

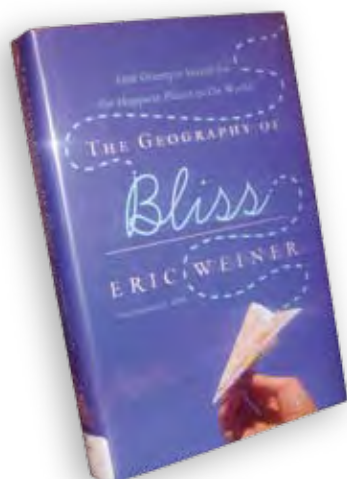
Terrie Thomas is a reference librarian at Belle Isle. She has a passion for journaling and being outdoors, plus enjoys volunteering at Skyline Urban Ministry. Her cats like it when she reads and knits.



The Geography of Bliss: One Grump's Search For the Happiest Places in the World

by Eric Weiner

Reviewed by Jana Hausburg



India, Bhutan, Switzerland, Thailand: what do they all have in common? All are listed on the *World Database of Happiness*, compiled by Ruut Veenhoven, Professor of Happiness Studies, and are among the happiest places on the planet. Eric Weiner's memoir documents his global quest to determine if a relationship exists between physical place and emotional state.

Weiner, a self-proclaimed grump (even his last name rhymes with "whiner"), encountered enough misery in his travels as NPR correspondent. For a change, he decided to pursue a little bliss and find out what makes a place happy. In his introduction, he posed a series of questions:

"What if you lived in a country that was fabulously wealthy and no one paid taxes? ... where failure is an option? ... a country so democratic that you voted seven times a year? ... where excessive thinking is encouraged? Would you be happy then?"

Weiner's travels take him to Switzerland, where he gets high on biophilia (the innately emotional affiliation of human beings with other living organisms); Qatar, a country in search of validation; Iceland, where he drinks (a lot) and admires the Icelandic lack of envy; and, as a tonic for all that good cheer, he journeys to Moldova, the world's unhappiest place, which suffers from an abundance of envy and whose people "derive more pleasure from their neighbor's failures than their own success."

Did Weiner's quest make him a happier man? You'll have to read and see.

This title also available as an WMA audiobook.

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.



Fifth Life of the Cat Woman

by Kathleen Dexter

Reviewed by Kelley Riha



Holy hairball, Batman! This is not your ordinary Cat Woman tale. Author Kathleen Dexter creates a romantic fantasy centered on main character, Kat O'Malley. There's an interesting twist: Kat is half feline. In this story, Kat is in her fifth of nine lives. It is the half cat, half human characteristic that makes it possible for Dexter to weave historical events into modern day, the past into the present and surprisingly, the premise works well.

Fifth Life begins as Kat is having a conversation with a tortoise shell tabby, telepathically, of course. When the cat mentions that an intruder has invaded the mesa mirage they live in, memories of Kat's painful past loom, revealing the reason she is not tolerant of people. Author Dexter allows pieces of Kat's memories, fraught with tragedy and hateful rejection, to seep through her daily routine in this safe haven.

The intruder turns out to be someone from a

previous life who has much in common with Kat, and he gives her encouragement to come out of her self-imposed exile. Kat gathers her courage, tentatively takes a job as a history teacher and presents history from her personal experience. The effect on her students is hypnotic.

Fifth Life of the Cat Woman tells of a woman searching for understanding in her life, in her past lives and her future. Not without turmoil, Kat rises above human nature. The exposition took a couple of chapters and was almost discouraging, but persevere, dear reader. Cat people everywhere are sure to find Dexter's *Fifth Life of the Cat Woman* a book they can really sink their claws into.

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.



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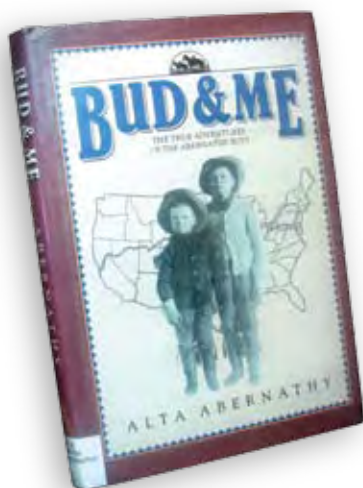
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BIOGRAPHY

ON THE SHELF

Bud & Me: The True Adventures of the Abernathy Boys

by Alta Abernathy

Reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



Did you ever worry about allowing your kindergartener to walk to school alone? Would you let him ride a horse from Guthrie, OK, to Santa Fe, NM, with only a nine-year-old brother for an escort? That's what "Catch-'em-Alive" Jack Abernathy did back in 1909.

That trip only whetted the boys' appetites for adventure. Next it was, "Please, Dad, we want to ride to New York to attend our old friend, Teddy Roosevelt's, homecoming parade." After that it was, "Dad, buy us a car so we can drive back home." He bought them a car, and they drove it back to Oklahoma, no license required. The boys became so famous for their adventures that the Brush Company invited them to their annual auto show to sit at a booth and tell people that their

little "Wildcat" was so easy to drive, a child could do it.

The boys accepted a challenge to ride horseback from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean in 60 days. They rode one of the first Hendee Indian Motorcycles from Oklahoma to New York City. The things these boys did were so astounding that I scarcely believed them even with the photos and newspaper clippings to prove it. As Teddy Roosevelt might have said, "This story is bully good."

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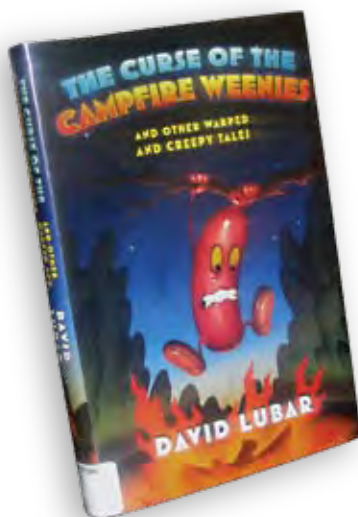
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ON THE SHELF

The Curse of the Campfire Weenies and Other Warped and Creepy Tales

by David Lubar

Reviewed by Doug Bentin



I can stare a werewolf in the face and laugh. I can step up to a vampire and shake his cold, undead hand without trembling. No problem. I've sat through every horror movie that's ever come to our town and visited dozens of Halloween haunted houses. Monsters don't even make me twitch. But clowns creep me out big-time.

That's Andrew speaking in one of the stories from David Lubar's latest collection of whack-o spook stories for upper Elementary and lower Middle School kids. The tales are quick reads—35 stories in 190 pages—and their combination of creepy and comic elements will appeal to a lot of reluctant readers.

I like the fact that these stories are written for children—they are not adult stories written

down to a lower reading level. Lubar, who also writes for Young Adults, has maintained a feel for what makes kids laugh and shiver, and he doesn't overload the scary stuff.

You can also use these stories as inspirations for original creative writing activities as the author adds a section to the book's end with brief commentary on where his ideas come from. (Stephen King says that his ideas come from Schenectady.) This is the third of Lubar's *Weenies* collections so if your young reader likes it, there are two more to go.

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/>

Lifetime Reader's Society

Winter ReadFest 2009

February 1st - March 31st

If you are lucky enough to be 55 years or older, go to your favorite MLS library and join this fun reading program. Receive a free special book bag at sign-up, read books and earn prizes. Don't delay! Co-sponsor: Friends of the Library, OKC Thunder Basketball Team.





ALL'S WELL WITH US...



...HOW'S BAYOU?

It comes off the bayous of Louisiana and out of the thickets of east Texas with the swing of a country fiddle, the scratch of a modified washboard called a frottoir, and the raucous squalling of an accordion.

Born during the late 19th Century of the call and response vocal music of the Creoles and African-Americans, it's a joyous sound that would get the toes tapping on a statue of a snake.

It's zydeco (emphasis on the first syllable). It's not pure Cajun, and it's not pure blues—actually it's closer to blues than Cajun, but it's designed for dancing, and not in a polite, quiet ballroom, either. Quiet? No, the accordion takes care of that. Zydeco dancing looks a little like swing, but at its best it is so passionate, some have called it “the new salsa.”

Curious? Good, because your Metropolitan Library System is celebrating the arrival of Spring with a series of concerts

by zydeco master Leon Chavis and his dad Joseph “Chopper” Chavis.

“We’ve brought some outstanding musicians to Oklahoma City,” said MLS Director of Outreach Services Dana Morrow, “but we’ve never sponsored concerts of any kind of music that will get you on your feet and moving like this music does.”

Join Chavis father and son, from Lawtell, Louisiana, as they import the exciting sound of zydeco to the Metropolitan Library System for Spring Fling. As always, all performances are free but seating is limited.

Got questions? Call the Outreach Office at 405.606.3835.

March 15:	Downtown Library, 300 Park Avenue	2:00pm
March 16:	Ralph Ellison Library, 1918 NE 23rd	12 noon
March 16:	Midwest City Library, 8142 E. Reno	7:00pm
March 17:	Southern Oaks Library, 6900 S. Walker	1:00pm
March 17:	Bethany Library, 3510 N. Mueller	7:00pm
March 18:	Choctaw Library, 2525 Muzzy Street	10:30am
March 18:	Warr Acres Library, 6901 NW 63rd	2:00pm
March 19:	The Village Library, 10307 N. Pennsylvania	1:00pm
March 19:	Belle Isle Library, 5501 N. Villa	7:00pm
March 20:	Edmond Library, 10 S. Boulevard	10:00am
March 20:	Del City Library, 4509 SE 15th	1:00pm



The Warr Acres Library

The current Warr Acres Library at 63rd and MacArthur dates back to 1965, when Warr Acres voters approved a \$150,000 bond issue for construction of a new library. A federal matching grant doubled available funds and, with a site purchased and architects hired, the groundbreaking took place on January 5, 1967.

Construction was completed by September 9 of that year, and the new Warr Acres staff checked out 1,014 books on the opening day.

The library is unique in the system because of its hunting lodge-like exterior and its homey interior features, including a fireplace under a beamed ceiling. Local residents have been making themselves comfortable in this living room setting since Day One, and kids enjoy the aquarium.

The library, at 12,450 square feet, has shelf space for nearly 80,000 items. Manager Barbara Beasley and her staff welcome you to check out their full service library at 5901 NW 63rd. Warr Acres Library is open Monday through Saturday.



You and MLS— Supporting Each Other

You show support for your Metropolitan Library System every time you check out a book, CD, or DVD. The truth is, you show your support every time you drop by your local library to read a newspaper or magazine, or check your emails with one of our free Internet access public computers. Even when you just visit our website to see if we own that book you heard Oprah talking about this morning, you know we're here and you know you can use our services whenever you need them.

But have you ever considered taking advantage of one of the more personal ways to support MLS? There are a lot of ways you can get involved with your favorite library.

You can make a donation, and not just of money. You could volunteer to help out at the library. Your time means just as much to us as any other kind of donation, and it's more immediate. We use volunteer help at times other than during the Annual Booksale or during Summer Reading. Interested? Give us a call at 405-606-3762.

Are you one of the *info* readers who turn to the Oklahoma Images article first every month? Our collection of vintage photos of Oklahoma City has room to expand, so if you have some pictures you can give to us, our staff historian, Larry Johnson, would love to have them. And we have on file

more than photos. If you have recordings of relative or friends talking about their experiences, we'd love to keep those as part of our collection so historians in the future can have access to them.

We'll also be grateful for donations of books, CDs, DVDs, and material in other formats as well. What we can't use to fill out our collection of material, we can pass on the Friends of the Library Booksale. You may not realize that the money raised by the annual booksale comes back to the library system in the form of grants for programming, material, and other necessities.

If you have something you want to donate directly to the Booksale, just bring it to your neighborhood MLS library and the staff there will make sure it gets to the right place.

And, of course, you can make a money donation to the Library Endowment Trust. Write them a check, or put it on a credit card. You can also support

MLS through a will or insurance policy. You can even make a pledge that you pay over a period of time. For

more information, call the MLS Development Office at 405-606-3761.

But you know what else will work wonders? Next time you see a staff member at your favorite library, give him or her a smile, a wink, and a thumb's up. We can all use that kind of support every day.

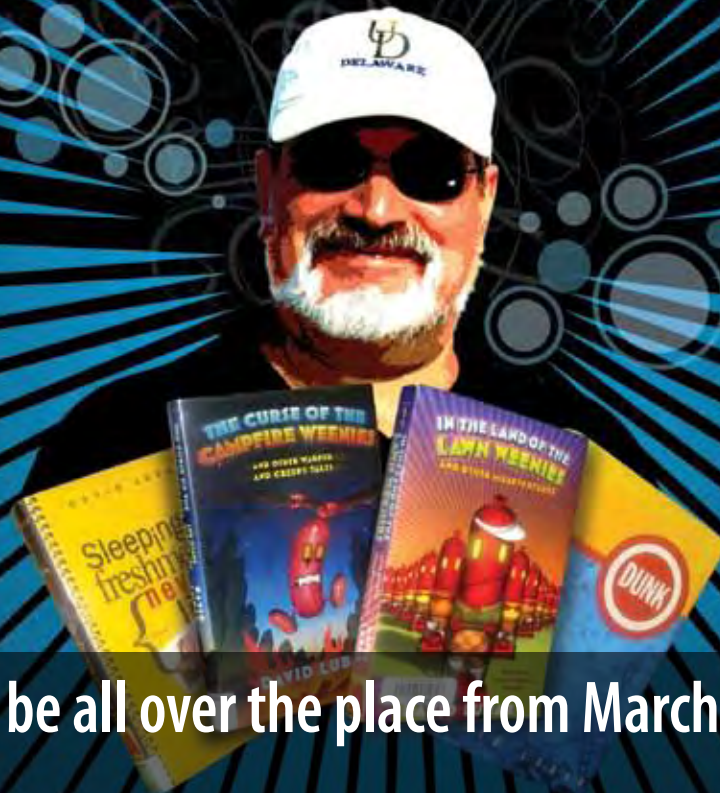


Crizzles! Lawn Weenies!
Smunkies! Mr. Hooaha!

Wait a minute...

Lawn Weenies?!?

Children's and Young Adult author David Lubar
introduces you to these and other characters
from his Wild Imagination!



David Lubar will be all over the place from March 3 – 5. Take a look:

March 3	Del City Library, 4509 SE 15th	10:30am
March 3	Downtown Library, 300 Park Ave.	6:00pm
March 4	Bethany Library, 3510 N. Mueller	10:00am
March 4	Edmond Library, 10 S. Boulevard	6:00pm
March 5	Belle Isle Library, 5501 N. Villa	9:15am

David's presentations are free but seating is limited. Doors open 15 minutes before each program.

Call 606-3834 for more information.



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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

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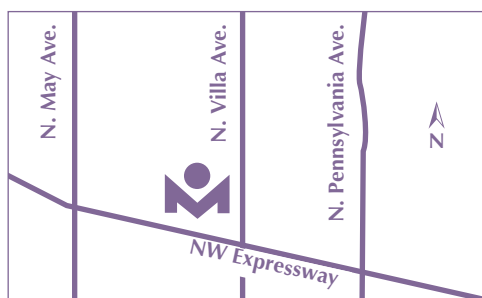
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Belle Isle Library

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

HOURS

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



2009 Winter Readfest

Feb. 1 - March 31

Ages 55 and Older

See page 9 for details.

Children Reading to Dogs

Mar 2,9,16,23,30 | Mon

6-7p

Pre-kindergarten

For children who can read: Read to a specially trained dog who loves to hear a good book! Dogs (with their owners) come to the library to be read to by children. The dogs particularly enjoy hearing one of the dog stories we have, but you can bring your own book, too. It is especially valuable in building 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.



Free Tax Help @ the Belle Isle Library

See page 23 for dates & times.

ESL: Learn English as a Second Language

Mar 3,5,10,12,17,19,24,26,31

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

Adults

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



Animal Welfare and the Humane Society

Mar 3 | Tue | 7-8p

Ages 6 and older

Learn about the Oklahoma Humane Society and its mission to enrich the communities it serves by promoting the well-being of animals in this free presentation. We'll discuss services and the desire to the OHS to "make the compassionate and respectful treatment of animals a prevalent community value and the well-being of animals a community priority." You can ask questions, and see photos of animals who are looking for their new home. Sign up at the Reference Desk.

David Lubar Author Visit

Mar 5 | Thur | 9:15-10:15a

All Ages

Author David Lubar played in a band and programmed video games before becoming an award-winning young adult author. His books include *Dunk*, *Hidden Talents*, and *Invasion of the Road Weenies*. Come to the library and listen to this hilarious author talk about books, writing, and hungry carnival monsters. Co-sponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.

Score Small Business Counseling

Mar 7,21 | 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.

Author William Bernhardt

Mar 15 | Sun | 2-3p

All Ages

Born and raised in Midwest City, well-known author William Bernhardt will discuss his books and answer questions. Do not miss this opportunity to hear this highly respected author speak. Co-sponsor: Friends of the Library.

Metro OKC Knit Guild Group Meeting

Mar 15 | Sun | 3-5p

Teens and adults

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

Zydeco Spring Fling presented

by Leon and Joseph

"Chopper" Chavis

Mar 19 | Thur | 7-8p

All Ages

See page 11 for description & schedule.



Senior Coffee: Preplanning for the Future

Mar 27 | Fri | 9:30-10:30a

Seniors

Our speakers will be representatives of Mercer-Adams Funeral Service explaining prearranged funeral plans--how they are set up, the safe guards in place to assure fund safety, the difference between guaranteed and non-guaranteed expenses, Oklahoma State Medicaid rules regarding prepaid funding and state-to-state transferability. Co-sponsor: Senior Resource Alliance.



William Bernhardt

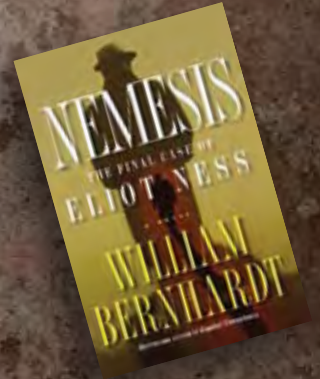
Bernhardt will speak with readers about his books, his characters, his plans and ideas.

Monday, March 9, 2009 – 11:00am
Warr Acres Library, 5901 NW 63rd, 721-2616

Monday, March 9, 2009 – 7:00pm
Southern Oaks Library, 6900 S. Walker, 631-4468

Tuesday, March 10, 2009 – 2:00pm
The Village Library, 10307 N. Pennsylvania, 755-0710

Sunday, March 15, 2009 – 2:00pm
Belle Isle Library, 5501 N. Villa, 843-9601



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Senior's Can Wii

Mar 27 | Fri | 1-4:30p
Seniors

Have you got the hum-drum winter blues? Well, come out for an afternoon of fun and games, playing the Wii! at the Belle Isle Library. There will be light refreshments and lots of fun, so get out of the house and join us. Sign up by calling 843-9601, ext 3 or stop at the Reference Desk.

Gamefest

Mar 28 | Sat | 1-4p
Teens

Bring your friends and come play video games at the library! Wii, Rock Band, DDR, Super Smash Bros, and more. Games are rated E, E10+, and T. This free program is part of March's Teen Tech Month "Press Play @ Your Library" celebration.



Teens

The Whole Green World

Mar 31 | Tue | 10-11a
Pre-kindergarten

Now is the time to think about planting seeds for your summer garden. Hear a story about the runaway garden and have a snack and activity. Pre-register at the Reference Desk. 843-9601.



Bethany Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



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Ages 55 and Older

See page 9 for details.

Parent Talk

Mar 2 | Tue | 1-4:30p
Birth to 5 years w/parent
or guardian

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



David Lubar Author Visit

Mar 4 | Wed | 10-11a

All Ages

Author David Lubar played in a band and programmed video games before becoming an award-winning young adult author. His books include *Dunk*, *Hidden Talents*, and *Invasion of the Road Weenies*. Come to the library and listen to this hilarious author talk about books, writing, and hungry carnival monsters. Co-sponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.

Toddler Story & Play Time

Mar 5 | 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.



Build Your Own Business

Mar 6 | Fri | 11:30a-12:30p

Adults

Learn why business plans are important, where to find funding, and how to start and manage a business. Seminar presented by SCORE, "Counselors to America's Small Business", a nonprofit organization dedicated to entrepreneur education and the success of small businesses nationwide. SCORE is a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Co-sponsor: SBA.

Children's Hour: Evening Storytime

Mar 10 | Tue | 6:30-7p
Ages 3-8 years

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.



Winter Story Time

Mar 12 | Thur | 10-10:45a
Ages 3-6

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



Irish Folk Dancers

Mar 14 | Sat | 2-3p
All Ages

Jean Hill and her Irish dancers will entertain and educate on Irish dances while performing many of the traditional dances. Refreshments will be served after the performance.



Zydeco Spring Fling presented by Leon and Joseph "Chopper" Chavis

Mar 17 | Tue | 7-8p
All Ages

See page 11 for description & schedule.



Fun, Snacks, Coffee & Games

Mar 20 | Fri | 10-11:30a
Adults

Every 3rd Friday of the month Bethany Library hosts this get together for meeting people, playing games and sharing in conversation. This is a free program.

Family Place: 1-2-3 Play With Me

Mar 26 | Thur | 9:30-10:15a
or 10:30-11:15a

Infant - Age 4 with parent or guardian

Sign up for either the 9:30 or 10:30 session. Playing with your baby or child is not only important for bonding but is also an educational experience for your child. We are providing a special time and place for you to come to the library and spend one-on-one time playing with your child. A different community resource professional will be available each week to answer your parenting questions. This program is intended for infants through age four with their parents or guardians. Pre-register for this program at the Reference Desk.



Children Reading to Dogs

Mar 28 | Sat | 10:30-11:30a
Ages 5 and older

Lovable dogs and their trained owners will help children develop reading skills. So grab your favorite picture book and enjoy a time of reading in our meeting room. Dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams by Therapy Dogs International. Please pre-register at the Information Desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.



Capitol Hill Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5

Sun: Closed



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Conversational Spanish II

Mar 2,9,16 | Mon
5:30-6:30p

Adults

This class is designed for individuals who already have a basic understanding of the Spanish language, and want to further increase their Spanish speaking skills. The class will meet for 10 weeks beginning on Monday, February 9th, and will continue on Mondays until April 13th. Call 634-6308 to register.



Pre-K Storytime/Cuentos Para Niños

Mar 3,10,17,24,31 | Tues
10:30-11a & 1:30-2p

Pre-kindergarten

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



Conversational Spanish

Mar 4,11,18,25 | Wed
5:30-7p

Adults

Conversational Spanish class for Spring 2009. This course is intended to teach basic Spanish speaking skills (Who, What, When, and Where). The class will meet for 13 sessions starting on Wednesday February 11th, and will continue on Wednesday evenings until May 6th. Please call 634-6308 to register.



Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance

Mar 5,12,19,26 | Thur | 6-7:30p

Adults

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

Comic Club

Mar 9,23 | Mon | 3-4:30p
Ages 11-17

Wanted: Writers and Artists. Join our comic club. We will discuss art, story lines, and work on our own creations to be shared. Call Angela at 634-6308 or stop by the Reference Desk.



Teens

Make An Irish Leprechaun House

Mar 12 | Thur | 3:30-4:30p
Ages 7-12

After school craft project - Make a Leprechaun House for St. Patrick's Day. Leprechaun and his Pot of Gold included. All supplies provided free.

Junk Art

Mar 17 | Tue | 2:30-3:30p
Ages 11-17

Hey teens! Join us for an afternoon of wild creativity as Bryan Dahlvang shows us how to make trash into treasure. Bring your own "junk" or find something in Bryan's stash to turn into a one-of-a-kind creation. Pre-register at the reference desk or call 634-6308.



Teens

Internet Basics

Mar 21 | Sat | 2-3p
Adults

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





Begin the New Year by Learning Some New Computer Skills!

The Digital World is Waiting to Be Explored!

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

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

Apr. 21 PowerPoint

May 19 Job Searching and Resumes

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

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



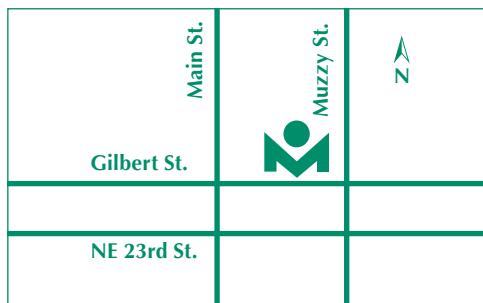
Choctaw Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



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Ages 55 and Older

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GED

Mar 2,4,9,11,16,25,30

Mon & Wed | 9-11a

16 years & older

Students are invited to attend free GED classes. Review English, social studies, science 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 age 16-17, an official withdrawal slip is required. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Community College & State Dept. of Education.



Conversational Spanish

Mar 2,9,16,23,30 | Mon

5-6p

Teens and adults

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



Lapsit Story Time

Mar 3,10,17,24,31 | Tue

9:30-10a

Ages 6 months-3 years

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



Story Time

Mar 3,10,17,24,31 | Tue

10:30-11a

Ages 3-5 years

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



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

Mar 4,11,18,25 | Wed | 5:30-6:30-p

Ages 16 and older

T'ai Chi Ch'üan is a martial arts therapy that promotes health and longevity. It is a soft style art using as complete a relaxation or "softness" in the musculature as possible. T'ai Chi teaches awareness of balance and what

affects it, and the practical ability to moderate extremes of behavior and attitude at both mental and physical levels, and how this applies to effective self-defense principles. Pre-registration preferred.

T'ai Chi With Chris Francis-Advanced Group

Mar 4,11,18,25 | Wed | 6:30-7:30p

Age 16 and older

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

Trip Around the World: Asia

Mar 5 | Thur | 6-7:30p

Third - Sixth Grade

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to travel the globe right in your very own local library. The Junior League of Oklahoma City and World Neighbors are teaming up to offer innovative and hands-on experiences for children in grades third through sixth. They will have a great time learning about the different cultures in Asia, Africa and Latin America. The program is free, but space is limited so pre-register at 390-8418 or at the Information Desk.

Co-sponsors: Junior League of Oklahoma City and World Neighbors.

Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me

Mar 6,13,20,27 | Fri 10-11a

Infants-age 4 w/parents

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 at 390-8418 for this program or at the Reference Desk

Build Your Own Business

Mar 10 | Tue | 6:30a-7:30p

Adults

Learn why business plans are important, where to find funding, and how to start and manage a business. Seminar presented by SCORE, "Counselors to America's Small Business", a nonprofit organization dedicated to entrepreneur education and the success of small businesses nationwide. SCORE is a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Co-sponsor: SBA.

Gamefest

Mar 12 | Thur | 6-7:30p

Teens

Bring your friends and come play video games at the library! Wii, Rock Band, DDR, Super Smash Bros, and more. Games are rated E, E10+, and T. This free program is part of March's Teen Tech Month "Press Play @ Your Library" celebration.

Family Place: Open Play

Mar 14 | Sat | 10-11a

Ages 6 months to 5 years with Parents/Legal Guardian

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

Pajama Storytime

Mar 16 | Mon | 6:30-7:30p

Ages 2-8

Bedtime stories for families and children of all ages. Put on your pajamas and grab your favorite stuffed friend. We will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and a simple craft. Please call 390-8418 or stop by the library to register.

Zydeco Spring Fling presented by Leon and Joseph

"Chopper" Chavis

Mar 18 | Wed

10:30-11:30a

All Ages

See page 11 for description & schedule.

Drawing With Danny

Mar 19 | Thur | 6-7p

Teens

Join Danny for a fun basic drawing workshop and presentation. All art is made up of shapes and lines. Danny will focus on teaching participants to see basic shapes and lines in a variety of subjects in a non-competitive setting. Space is limited. Please register by calling 390-8418.

Choose to Live: Comprehensive Diabetes Education Workshop

Mar 21 | Sat | 9a-Noon

Adults

Clinicians with the Oklahoma Diabetes Association will present a timely workshop on the most current information and strategies available in managing diabetes, preventing or delaying complications and living healthy. This workshop will focus on management—stressing the importance of caring for and maintaining diabetes. A \$10 fee for resource materials. Persons age 60 and older may attend and receive resource materials at no cost. They will be required to pre-register for planning purposes of the workshop. Pre-registration required. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma Diabetes Association.

Del City Library

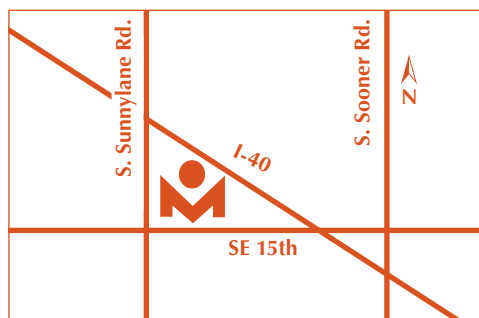
4509 S.E. 15th, Del City
(405) 672-1377

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5

Sun: Closed



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AARP Tax Assistance at Del City

See page 23 for dates & times.

David Lubar Author Visit

Mar 3 | Tue | 10:30-11:30a

All Ages

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Teens

books include *Dunk*, *Hidden Talents*, and *Invasion of the Road Weenies*. Come to the library and listen to this hilarious author talk about books, writing, and hungry carnival monsters. Co-sponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.

Magical Mayhem

Mar 3 | Tue | 6:30-7:15p

Ages 4-8

When magic is around, often mayhem accompanies it, and usually makes for a good story. Little magicians can enjoy these stories at Del City Library's Magical Mayhem StoryTime. Don't disappear after story time, spellbinding activities will follow. Call 672-1377 to pre-register.

Cat Stories

Mar 4 | Wed | 10-10:20a

Ages 1-5

Feline friends provide furry antics for stories at Morning StoryTime featuring cats. Pounce on this chance to do fun feline activities too! Call 672-1377 to pre-register.

Game-A-Thon @ Del City Library

Mar 11 | Wed | 6-7:30p

Teens

Bring your friends and come play video games at the library! Our games include Guitar Hero, DDR, MarioKart, Rock Band, Super Smash Bros and more. Please pre-register. This free program is part of March's Teen Tech Month "Press Play @ Your Library"

Storytime Aerobics

Mar 12 | Thur | 6:30-7p

Ages 1-5

Exercise your body and your brain with stories and movement to fun music. Juice provided also. Program is free. Call 672-1377 to pre-register.

Mad Rocket Science

Mar 19 | Thur | 4-5:30p

Teens

Mad rocket scientist Kristi Adams will teach students how to create rockets from common household items. Students will learn about linear motion, projectile motion, energy, and force. Kristi is a physics instructor and mad scientist at Oklahoma City Community College & Westmoore High School. Pre-register.

Zydeco Spring Fling presented by Leon and Joseph

"Chopper" Chavis

Mar 20 | Fri | 1-2p

All Ages

See page 11 for description & schedule.



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Teens



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Teens



arts & entertainment

press In play! @ your library

Teen Tech Month

FREE!

Teens, please call the library
to pre-register.

Gamefest

3/11	Del City	6-7:30pm
3/12	Choctaw	6-7:30pm
3/19	Warr Acres	6:30-8pm
3/28	Belle Isle	1-4pm
3/31	Southern Oaks	6-8pm

Guitar Hero Tournament

3/21	Ralph Ellison	5:30-7:30pm
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Mad Rocket Science

3/17	Southern Oaks	4-5:30pm
3/19	Del City	4-5:30pm



Questions? Call 606-3834.



Trip Around the World: Asia

Mar 21 | Sat | 2-3:30p
Third - Sixth Grade

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Play Time

Mar 26 | Thur | 10-11a
Ages 6 months-3 years

Have you ever wondered which books to check out for your child? We have answers for you! Bring your pre-schoolers to PlayTime at the library and receive tips on choosing the best books for young children from Sharon Saulmon, Dean of the Learning Resources Center at Rose State College. Program is free. Call 672-1377 to pre-register.

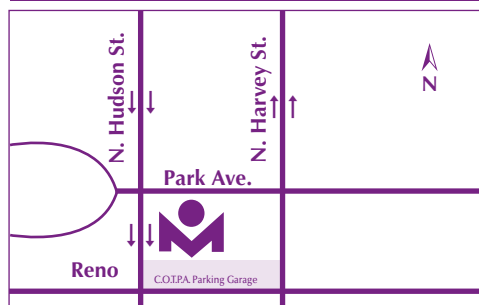


Downtown Library

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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California Guitar Trio

Mar 1 | Sun | 2p

All Ages

The California Guitar Trio's performances are astounding, and their diversity unparalleled. These three revered musicians are not actually natives of the "Golden State." They are Bert Lams from Belgium, Hideyo Moriya from Japan, and Paul Richards from Utah.



Together, their technical wizardry is breathtaking, as is the wide range of instrumental music the group renders... everything from unique originals to dazzling, cleverly-arranged interpretations of jazz, classical music, and surf rock.

David Lubar Author Visit

Mar 3 | Tue | 6-7p

All Ages

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Wednesday Night at the Movies

Mar 4,11,18,25 | Wed | 6-8p

Ages 13 and older

Join the Downtown Library for Wednesday Night at the Movies!

Mar 4: *All About Eve* (1950)

Mar 11: *Monkey Business* (1952)

Mar 18: *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*

Mar 25: *How to Marry a Millionaire*

Noon Tunes

Mar 5,12,19,26 | Thur

11:30a-1p

All ages

Music in the Atrium! Enjoy entertain-



ment 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 February are:

Mar 5: *The Simoleons*

Mar 12: *Timeless Trio*

Mar 19: *Elixer*

Mar 26: *Harvest Hills Elementary School Choir*

PM Play with Me!

Mar 5 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p

Infants - 5 years w/adult

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



Play With Me! Play Group

Mar 6 | Fri | 10-10:50a

Infants to 5 years

with Parents/Guardian

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



Harlem Renaissance Book Discussion:

Not Without Laughter

Mar 7 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon

Adults

This Downtown celebration of Harlem Renaissance creativity will include discussions of literature written during that period of the 1920s and 1930s by African-American authors. Dr. Rita Kresenski, Harlem Renaissance Literature professor from OU, will lead a two part book discussion series at the Downtown Library. "Not Without Laughter" by Langston Hughes will be the focus of discussion on March 7. "When Washington Was in Vogue" will continue the series on March 28. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Museum of Art.

Piano Masterworks:

Moonlight Sonata

Mar 8 | Sun | 2-3p

All ages

Master pianist Wayne McEvilly returns for a spring Second Sunday series of concerts. His performances will spotlight 18th and 19th Century masterpieces. March brings The Beethoven: Moonlight Sonata to the Downtown 46th Star Auditorium. Everyone is invited to enjoy this free concert.



Preschool Aerobics

Mar 13 | Fri | 10-10:30

Ages 2-5

5 years and younger with adult Move to fun music and enjoy a story. This program limited to families and small groups. Call 231-8650, ext. 4 to register.



Zydeco Spring Fling presented

by Leon and Joseph

"Chopper" Chavis

Mar 15 | Sun | 2-3p

All Ages

See page.... for description & schedule.



Spring Break Gamefest at the

Downtown Library

Mar 17 | Tue | 1-3p

Children

Come on downtown for an afternoon of video games this spring break. Mario Cart, Wii Sports, and more will be available to play in the Castle Room at the Downtown Library children's area. For further information call the Children's Reference Desk at 231-8650 ext. 4.

Internet Searching:

How to Find What You Are

Looking For

Mar 17 | Tue | 6-7:30p

All ages

Join us at the Downtown Library for the third class in our computer basics series. This class will focus on Internet Searching. It will cover tips and strategies to help you find what you are looking for online. It will also provide information on many helpful online resources. The class will be held in the Route 66 computer lab on the first floor of the Downtown Library. Please call 231-8650 to register.



Thursday Afternoon at the Movies

at the Downtown Library

Mar 19 | Thur | 1-3p

Children

Join us for a special Spring Break Thursday afternoon showing of "Wall-E" in the 46th Star Auditorium on the fourth floor of the Downtown Library. This showing is free and open to the public. For further information call the Downtown Library Children's Desk at 231-8650 ext. 4.

Storytime

Mar 20 | Fri | 10-10:30

Ages 2-5

Enjoy stories, fingerplays, and more every third Friday of the month. Call to register at 231-8650, ext 4.



Sunday Chess Tournament

Mar 22 | Sun | 1:30-2:30p

Grades K-12

Match your chess skills with kids from across the metro. Whether you're an expert chess player or just starting out, we will match you up against other players of your skill level. Prizes will be awarded in April for the top performers throughout the year; prizes are only for students in the Oklahoma City school district; however, we welcome anyone willing to come and play for fun. At each tournament everyone plays 5 games. A \$2 donation is recommended; concessions are for sale. Boards and sets are provided. The tournament is run by Daniel Wade, a member of the Policy Board of the non-profit Oklahoma Scholastic Chess Organization (www.okschess.org). Co-sponsor: Oklahoma Scholastic Chess Organization.

Parent Talk and Teacher Talk

Mar 26 | Thur | 2-4p

Parents and teacher of children 12 and younger

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



Music Time with Miss Ginger

Mar 27 | Fri | 10-10:30

Ages 2-5

Enjoy songs, musical games and a story with Ginger Waldrup of Ginger's Kindermusik. Plan to come every fourth Friday of the month. Instruments will be provided for those who have registered at 231-8650, ext. 4 or by e-mail.



Harlem Renaissance Book Discussion:

When Washington Was in Vogue

Mar 28 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon

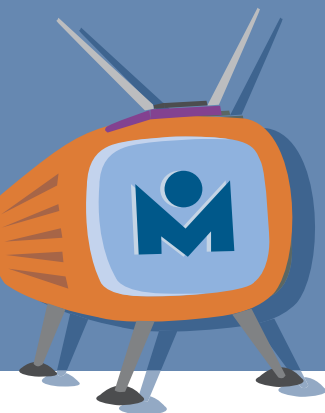
Adults

"When Washington Was in Vogue" concludes a two part book discussion as part of the Downtown celebration of the Harlem Renaissance. Dr. Rita Kresenski, Harlem Renaissance Literature professor from OU, will host the discussion. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Museum of Art.

READ ABOUT IT

Discussions With Authors & Book Reviews

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



OKLAHOMA CITY— A children's tale of a treacherous mine shaft, an island murderer on the prowl, and a female bounty hunter's vendetta are a few of the subjects that will be featured on 'Read About It,' the cable TV show brought to you by the Metropolitan Library System. This month, hostess B.J. Williams will welcome the following guests.

March 7 Glenda Carlisle, author and executive director of the Oklahoma Center for the Book, will discuss the Book Awards.

Guests and program schedules are subject to change without notice.

March 14 Carolyn Hart, award winning and prolific mystery author, will discuss her newest Annie and Max adventure, *Dare to Die*.

March 21 Jordan Dane, a new author with a bright future, will discuss her latest suspense novel, *Evil Without a Face*.

March 28 Larry Derryberry, attorney and children's book author, will discuss *The Lollipop Mine*.

**Harlem Renaissance
—Hands-On Art**
Mar 28 | Sat | 1-2p
Ages 10-16

Come celebrate the Harlem Renaissance with art activities that represent this revolutionary period in American art. Artists from the Oklahoma City Museum of Art will hip teens to the music, philosophy, dance, literature, drama, and visual arts that defined this movement. Call 231-8650 for more information. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Museum of Art.



**Canterbury Youth Choruses Presents
the Apprentice Choir**
Mar 28 | Sat | 2-3p
All Ages

The Apprentice Choir will perform folk songs, spirituals, works of contemporary composers and works of the Masters. Under director Judith Havens, the Apprentice Choir is comprised of 30 singers in grades 2-5 who have been accepted into the CYC program by audition. Kay Boyles is the accompanist for the Apprentice Choir. The Apprentice Choir will present the concert earlier this month at the Edmond Library Saturday, March 14, at 2 p.m.



Wills and Probate in Oklahoma—Legal Resources
Mar 30 | Mon | 5:30-7p
All ages

Libraries are not just about books anymore. They are about information from many sources. Wills and Probate in Oklahoma In Oklahoma will be the topic for an ongoing series about legal resources available for public use at the Downtown Library and the Oklahoma County Law Library. Judge Bill Graves and an Oklahoma County Legal Aid representative will speak. The series will continue on the last Monday of each month and explore the free resources and how to access them on various topics affected by law. Register at 231-8650. Meets in Friends Event Room on 4th Floor. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma County Law Library.

Edmond Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6

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

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Farsi Language Class

Mar 1,8,15,22,29 | Sun

1:30-2:30p

Adults



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

GED- Additional Class

Mar 2,5,9,12,16,19,23,27
Mon & Thur | 9:30-12:30p
Age 18 & older



Study geography, math, English to prepare to take the GED test. Enroll with the instructor on the first day of class. Must be at least 18 years old or have permission if younger. Materials are free. Coordinated by OCCC.

Preschool Story Time

Mar 2,9,16,23,30 | 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.

English as a Second Language

Mar 2,4,9,11,16,18,23,25,30
Mon & Wed | 1-4p
Adults



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

ESL/Citizenship

Mar 2,4,9,11,16,18,23,25,30
Mon & Wed | 5:30-8:30p
Adults



Improve your written and spoken English in this class offered by OCCC. Class and materials are free. This class also includes preparation for the U.S. Citizenship test. Co-sponsor: OCCC.

Lapsit: Playtime and Story Time

Mar 3,10,17,24 | Tue
9:30-10a & 10:15-10:45a
& 11-11:30a

**Ages Birth-2 Years**

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

Chess Club for Kids

Mar 3,17 | Tue | 3:30-5p
Ages 8-13

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

GED

Mar 3,5,10,12,17,19,24,26,31
Tue & Thur | 5:30-8:30p
Age 18 & older



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

Tools For Effective Parenting

Mar 3,10 | Tue | 6-7:30p
Parents



This five session course will help promote good parent-child relationships. You will be learning basic parenting skills including effective play, praising, limit setting, ignoring, time-out, natural/logical consequences and problem solving. These skills help parents learn how to pay attention to their child's behavior and actions. Parents utilizing these techniques have experienced positive changes in their relationships with their children. Call 425-4412 to register. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

55+ Coffee Break

Mar 4,11,18,25 | Wed | 9:30-11a
Seniors

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

AARP Tax Assistance at Edmond

See page 23 for dates & times.

Computer Instruction with Eddie

Mar 4,11,18,25 | 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.

David Lubar Author Visit

Mar 4 | Wed | 6-7p
All Ages

Author David Lubar played in a band and programmed video games before becoming an award-winning young adult author. His books include *Dunk*, *Hidden Talents*, and *Invasion of the Road Weenies*. Come to the library and listen to this hilarious author talk about books, writing, and hungry carnival monsters. Co-sponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.

Computer Instruction with Dave

Mar 4,11,18,25 | Wed
7-8p

**Ages 18 & older**

Free! Join Dave for individual computer instruction. Every Wednesday night assistance is offered in increments of 30 minutes to an hour; sign up for your time. Call: (405) 341-9282, ext.4 to register.

Children Reading to Dogs

Mar 5,12,19,26 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p
For children who read

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

Stamp Club

Mar 7,21 | Sat | 10a-Noon
4th grade and older

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

Creative Writing Class with Newspaper Reporter John Williams

Mar 7 | Sat | 2-3p
Adults

John A. Williams, instructor of this creative writing class brings a wealth of writing and communication experience to this special free program. Mr. Williams is the Edmond Outreach reporter for Opubco. In addition he has had two decades of experience as a radio program director and news anchor. If you are interested in developing your own writing skills, don't miss this. Please pre-register by calling 341-9282.

UCO Flute Students present An Afternoon Concert

Mar 7 | Sat | 2-3p
All Ages



Flute students of UCO's Dr. Emily Butterfield will present a delightful concert that will appeal to all classical music lovers. Free, no pre-registration necessary. Co-sponsor: University of Central Oklahoma.

INCOME TAX

Tax Help: AARP



For Adults. AARP trained volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2008 state and federal tax returns. No appointments taken. First come, first served.

Belle Isle Library—AARP, E-filing ONLY.

Tuesdays: Mar 3,10,17,24,31 9a-2p

Wednesdays: Mar 4,11,18,25, 9a-2p

Saturdays: Mar 7,14,21,28, 9a-1p

Edmond Library—AARP

Wednesdays: Mar 4,11,18,25, 10a-3p

Thursdays: Mar 5,12,19,26, 10a-3p & 6-8p

The Village Library—AARP

Tuesdays: Mar 3,10,17,24,31 10a-3p

Wednesdays: Mar 4,11,18,25, 10a-3p

Saturdays: Mar 7,14,21,28, 10a-3p

Del City Library—AARP

Mondays: Mar 2,9,16,23,30 Noon-4p

Thursdays: Mar 5,12,19,26, Noon-4p

Saturdays: Mar 7,14,21,28, 9-11a

Southern Oaks Library—AARP

Wednesdays: Mar 4,11,18,25, 9a-2:30p

Thursdays: Mar 5,12,19,26, 9a-2:30p

Warr Acres Library—AARP

Mondays: Mar 2,9,16,23,30 9a-2p

Fridays: Mar 6,13,20,27 9a-2p

GED- Additional Class

Mar 9,12,16,19,23

Mon & Thur | 9:30-12:30p

Age 18 & older



Must be at least 18. In this GED class you will prepare for the GED test. You will re-view English, social studies, and math skills. Materials are provided. Enroll with the instructor on the first day of the program. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Community College.

AARP Driver Safety Class

Mar 10 | Tue | 9:30a-4:30p

Seniors

AARP presents safe driving tips to help prevent and reduce the tragedy of injury and death for drivers on today's roads. Attendees are eligible by Oklahoma Law to get an insurance discount for 3 years. The course is centered on senior drivers, however anyone 16 years or older may sign up. Pre-registration is necessary. Effective January 2009 AARP has raised the fee for this class to \$12 for AARP members, and \$14 for non-AARP members. This was a national fee increase. Co-sponsor: AARP.

Parent Talk

Mar 11 | Wed | 10:30a-5p

Adults

Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development as well as any parenting questions you may have in the areas of speech, language, development, and behavior. Children do not have to be present at these sessions. Free of charge. Please call 425-4412, Child Guidance to schedule your appointment!



ment! Clinicians: Robyn Sears M.S. Child Development Specialist, Louise Hagar M.S. CCC-SLP Speech-Language Pathologist. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

So Many Books, So Little Time Story Hour

Mar 12 | Thur | 3:45-4:45p

Grades 1-3

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

Art of Drawing Manga With Ink

Mar 12 | Thur | 4-5p

Teens/Young adult

Join the Edmond M/A Club as they welcome local artist Alexandra Brodt. This is the second of two classes on the Art of Manga. Class 2 focuses on Basic Manga Drawing using ink. Materials provided.



Music With Susan

Mar 13,27 | Fri | 9:30-10a

or 10:15-10:45a

Ages 2-3

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



Music With Susan

Mar 13,27 | Fri

11-11:30a

Ages 4-5

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



Reader's Choice Book Discussion

Mar 14 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon

Adults

The Reader's Choice group will encourage you to read and discuss outstanding contemporary fiction. Visit a meeting and enjoy lively discussions. March's book is *Beside a Burning Sea* by John Shors. Call to reserve a copy.

Story Time with Angela

Mar 14 | Sat | 10:30-11:15a

Ages 4-6

Is green your favorite color? Would you like to find a pot o' gold at the end of the rainbow? Then you'll enjoy Miss Angela's St. Patrick's Day Story Time. Come listen to some Irish tales and make a special craft. Please register by calling 341-9282, x4 or stop by the Children's Desk at the library.



The Edmond Book Bunch

Mar 14 | Sat | 2-3p

Seniors

The Edmond Library Book Bunch meets once a month at the Edmond Library. The title for this month's discussion is *The Man*

Who Loved China by Simon Winchester.
Although the group is currently full please call 341-9282 to get on the waiting list. (limited to 15.)

Canterbury Youth Choruses Presents the Apprentice Choir

Mar 14 | Sat | 2-3p

All Ages



The Apprentice Choir will perform folk songs, spirituals, works of contemporary composers and works of the Masters. Under director Judith Havens, the Apprentice Choir is comprised of 30 singers in grades 2-5 who have been accepted into the CYC program by audition. Kay Boyles is the accompanist for the Apprentice Choir. The Apprentice Choir will present the concert later this month at the Downtown Library Saturday, March 28, at 2 p.m.

Sustainable Edmond

Mar 17 | Tue | 7-9p

Adults

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

Zydeco Spring Fling presented by Leon and Joseph

"Chopper" Chavis

Mar 20 | Fri | 10-11a

All Ages



See page.... for description & schedule.

Stuttering and Self-Esteem

Mar 25 | Wed | 3-5p

Adults



Stuttering or speech problems can affect the way a child feels about him/herself. We will discuss how parents and child care providers can have a positive impact on a child's self-esteem. We will further talk about how to recognize a stuttering disorder and what a parent can do to help decrease dysfluency. Call 425-4412 to register. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

Readers' Theatre: Acting Without Memorizing

Mar 26 | Thur | 3:45-4:45p

Ages 8-11

Do you like to be in plays, but you don't want to memorize your part? Do you like to talk like other people or animals? Can you sound like a wizard, a king, a grumpy bear or a robot? Then Readers' Theatre might be just

the thing for you! Join us and try out this fun and easy way to develop your acting talents. Please pre-register by calling 341-9282, x 4 or stop by the Children's Desk at the library.

Basic Computers for Seniors

Mar 28 | Sat | 2-3p

Adults - geared for Seniors



This is a free basic computer class geared toward Seniors who know little about the world of computing. Topics covered will be: E-mail, the Windows clipboard, quick keys: copy, move & paste, and computer icons. FAQ's will be discussed and participants' questions will be addressed. Call 341-9282, ext 4.

Lapsit: Playtime and Toddlerobics

Mar 31 | Tue

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

& 11-11:30a

Ages Birth-2 Years



Birth through 2 years

Enjoy a special time with your young child at the library. We will have a playtime with the toys in the story time room. This will be followed by a circle time which will include a short session of aerobics.

Harrah Library

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

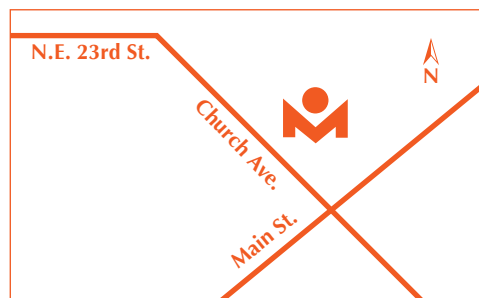
HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9:30-6

Fri: 9-5

Sat: 9-5

Sun: Closed



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Tail 'Waggin Tutors

Mar 14 | Sat | 9a-Noon

Kng - 6th Grade

Duke from "Tail Waggin Tutors" will be on hand to listen to children practice their reading skills. It's a fun experience for both the children & Duke. Call the library at 54-2001 for information & registration.

Jones Library

111 E. Main St., Jones
(405) 399-5471

HOURS

Tue & Thur: 9:30-5:30 Sat: 1-5

Mon Wed Fri & Sun: Closed



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Luther Library

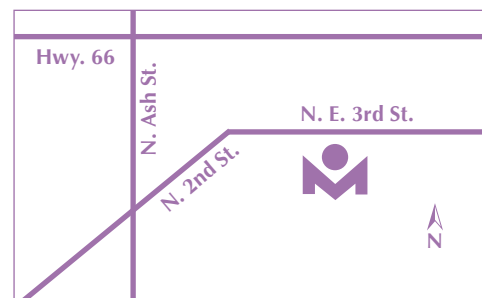
310 N.E. 3rd, Luther
(405) 277-9967

HOURS

Mon - Thur: 9:30-6

Fri & Sat: 9-5

Sun: Closed



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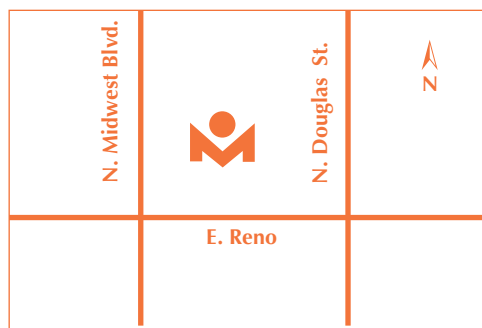
Midwest City Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6



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Community Quilting Class with

Soldier Creek Quilting Group

Mar 2,9,16,23,30 | Mon | 9:15a-1:30p

Adults

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

Family Place: 1-2-3 Play With Me

Mar 2,9,23,30 | Mon | 10-11a

and 11-Noon

**Infants - Age 4 years
with parents**



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

YA Gamefest

Mar 2 | Mon | 4-6p

Ages 10-16

Please register at the Information Desk.



Board Games

Mar 3 | Tue | 5:30-7p

Ages 10-16

Every Tuesday at 5:30 pm we will play various board games such as: Monopoly, Sorry, Uno, Yahtzee and much more.



English as a Second Language

Mar 3,5,10,12,17,19,24,26,31

Tue & Thur | 6-8:30p

Adults

This course is designed for individuals to improve their English language skills. Through everyday conversation, students will learn, review, and practice English grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation. For more information please call 682-7873. Co-sponsor: OCCC Adult Learning Center.



Mid-Del Toastmasters

Mar 3,10,17,24,31 | Tue | 6-8p

Adults

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

German Language Class

Mar 3,10,31

Tue | 7-8p

Ages 10 & older

This ongoing course teaches German language conversational skills. Those with some knowledge of the language may still join. The class meets on Tuesday nights. A small materials fee will apply. Children younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult. To register call Hannelore Chan at 399-5732.



Parachute Play

Mar 4 | Wed | 10:30-11a

Ages 3-6 with parents

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



Book Bug Club

Mar 5 | 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 *Casey at the Bat* by Ernest Lawrence Thayer. You can pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk. Pre-registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

Parenting With Style

Mar 5,12 | Thur | 5:30- and 11-Noon

Adults (parents of young children)

Adults (For parents of young children) In this 3 session class, you will discover your personality type and how it affects your parenting style. Understanding your parenting style will help you make the most of your strengths and help you to understand why others parent differently. You will complete a personality inventory to help you identify your personality type and receive the book *MotherStyles-Using Personality Type To Discover Your Parenting Strengths* by Janet Penley. A fee of \$15 will be charged to cover the cost of the book and personality inventory. Pre-register: 425-4412. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Dept.



Reptiles and Amphibians!

Mar 5 | Thur | 7:30-8:45p

All Ages

Come join the OKC Herpetological Society on the first Thursday of each month at the Midwest City Library! If you are interested in reptiles and amphibians, these meetings are for you. The OCHS promotes the scientific study and conservation of herps, emphasizing regional herpetology. This is your chance to learn about herps, and even show off your own. Any properly caged, nonvenomous reptiles or amphibians are welcome. For more information, call Larry Daniel at 737-8331, or send him an e-mail at jostoy1@aol.com. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Herpetological Society.

Saturday Morning Cartoons

Mar 7 | Sat | 10a-Noon

All Ages

Join us for popcorn and the Disney-Pixar film, *Monsters, Inc.* Registration is not required.

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Pain Support Group

Mar 7,28 | Sat | 2-4p

Adults

This group is for those suffering severe disabling pain that disrupts relationships and the ability to work or engage in life. For more information contact Brenda Moore-Finch at 405-390-8624.

Child Guidance Parent Talk

Mar 9 | Mon

12:30-4:30p

10 Months to 3 years
with parents

Parents or Caregivers of Young Children Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development as well as any parenting questions you may have in the areas of speech, language, development and behavior. Children do not have to be present at session. Facilitated by Sarita Naegeli, Child Development Specialist and Cheryl Custer, Speech-Language Pathologist. Call 425-4412 to schedule appointment. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.



Teen Movie Night

Mar 9 | Tue | 5:30-7:30p

Ages 10-16

Feature film: *Spider Man*. Please register at the Information Desk.



Children Reading to Dogs

Mar 10 | Mon | 7-8p

Children who can read

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



Scottish Gaelic Language Learners' Group

Mar 11,25 | Wed | 7-8:30p

Ages 10 & older

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



Build Your Own Business

Mar 12 | Thur | 6-7p

Adults

Learn why business plans are important, where to find funding, and how to start and manage a business. Seminar presented by SCORE, "Counselors to America's Small Business", a nonprofit organization dedicated to entrepreneur education and the success of small businesses nationwide. SCORE is a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Co-sponsor: SBA.

Hunter Safety Education

Mar 14 | Sat | 9a-2:30p

Ages 10 and older

This home-study-based course is designed to improve your hunter safety skills and performance on hunter safety tests. Obtain a workbook 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. Details about the ODWC Hunter's Education program can be viewed online at www.wildlifedepartment.com/hunted2.htm. Ages 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required, call 732-4828.

Spring Break Morning Movie

Mar 16,17,19,20 | 10a-Noon

All Ages

Out of school and looking for something to do? Come to the library to eat popcorn and watch a movie.

Mar 16: *Holes* (PG)

Mar 17: *Alvin and the Chipmunks* (PG)

Mar 19: *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* (PG)

Mar 29: *Because of Winn Dixie* (PG)

Whose Line Is It Anyway?

Mar 16 | Mon | 5:30-7p

Ages 10-16

Ready to exercise your acting skills? The Midwest City Library will host an improv for teens. No experience necessary; teens interested in having fun please sign up at the information desk or call 405-732-4828 to sign-up.



Zydeco Spring Fling presented by Leon and Joseph

"Chopper" Chavis

Mar 16 | Mon | 7-8p

All Ages

See page.... for description & schedule.



Midwest City Reader's Society

Mar 17 | 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.

Teen Movie Day

Mar 17 | Tue | 1:30-3:30p

Ages 10-16

Feature film: *What's Eating Gilbert Grape?* Please register at the Information Desk or call 732-4828.



Kids Only Video Game Party

Mar 17 | Tue | 4-6p

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

Talk It Up Book Club

Mar 19 | Thur | 4-5p

Grades 4-6

Join us in the Talk It Up! Book Club! We will have a snack, play a game and make a craft! We will be discussing *Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo. You can pick up a copy of the book and sign up at the Information Desk. Registration is required. Visit or call 732-4828.

Harlem Renaissance Print Making

Mar 20 | Fri | 1-2p

Ages 10-16

Come celebrate the Harlem Renaissance with art activities that represent this revolutionary period in American art. Guest artists will hip teens to the music, philosophy, dance, literature, drama, and visual arts that defined this movement. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Museum of Art. Please register at the Information Desk.



AAA Motor Vehicle Crash Prevention Course

Mar 21 | Sat | 9a-4p

Licensed Drivers

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

Chess Club

Mar 28 | Sat | 11:30a-1p

Ages 10-16

Please register at the Information Desk.



Baby Sign Language Workshop

Mar 30 | Mon | 2:30-3:30p

Parents of children 9-22
Months Old

Baby Signs teaches communication before babies are able to use words. This fun and interactive signing class teaches how to include signs naturally while interacting with your child during daily activities and play. Call 425-4412 to pre-register. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.



Nicoma Park Library

2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park
(405) 769-9452

HOURS

Tue-Thur: 9:30-5:30 M & Sun: Closed
Fri & Sat: 10-3

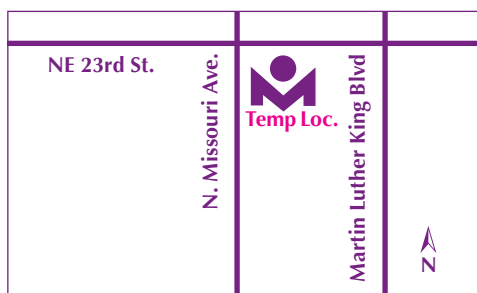


Ralph Ellison Library Temporary

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

HOURS

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



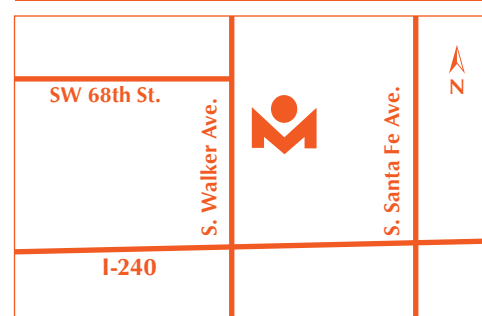
The Ralph Ellison Library, now located at 1918 N.E. 23rd, (site of the former Hollywood Video) will be at this address for about a year while the 2000 NE 23rd location is under an extensive renovation and expansion process.

Southern Oaks Library

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

HOURS

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



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Ages 55 and Older

See page 9 for details.

Children Reading to Dogs

Mar 3, 17 | Tue

3:30-4:30p

Ages 3-12

3-12 years

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



Choctaw Women's Aglow International

Mar 14 | Sat | 9:40a-Noon

Adults

The interdenominational group of the Choctaw International Women's Aglow meets every second Saturday from 9:40 am to noon. Come for inspirational speakers, fellowship and refreshments. For more information call 371-7316 or 677-8909.

Ladies Craft Group

Mar 17 | Tue | 10a-Noon

Adults

Women of all ages create craft items suitable for the season on the second Tuesday of the month. Call the library for more information.

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Zydeco Spring Fling presented

by Leon and Joseph

"Chopper" Chavis

Mar 16 | Mon | Noon-1p

All Ages

See page 11 for description & schedule.



Guitar Hero Tournament

Mar 21 | Sat | 5:30-7:30p

Teens 14 and older

Rock out for your chance to win an iPod Shuffle and other awesome prizes. You MUST call the library ahead of time to pre-register, AND fill out a permission slip (if you are 16 or younger). Call early to reserve your slot: 424-1437. This free program is part of March's Teen Tech Month "Press Play @ Your Library" celebration.



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Ages 55 and Older

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Fan Fiction & Fan Art Contest Continues

Feb 1-Mar 15 | Library Hours

All Ages

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

Preschool Storytime

Mar 2, 9, 23, 30 | Mon

10:30-11:15a

Ages 2-6 with parent

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



Child Guidance Parent Talk

Mar 3 | Tue | 12:30-4:30p

For Parents and caregivers

of young children

Are you looking for new parenting ideas? Are you looking for answers to important questions about your child? If so, then Parent Talk may be for you. Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development as well as any parenting questions you may have in the areas of speech, language, development and behavior. Call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to pre-register.



for the free workshop. Oklahoma City Adult Learning Center.

GED
Mar 4,9,11,23,25,30
Mon & Wed | 3-6p
16 years & older



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

Free Tax Help @ the Southern Oaks
 See page 23 for dates & times.

Score Business Counseling
Mar 6,20 | Fri | 10a-1p
Adults

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

Passport Adventure: China
Mar 7 | Sat | 2:30-3:30p
Grades 2 through 5

Travel to a new land in just an hour. Hear a fun and exciting story told about the country we are visiting. Learn a little history and interesting trivia about how people live in this country. Play games or make a craft that children in the host country would do. You'll leave having experienced all the fun, without any of the Jet Lag. Space is limited for this fun, free program! Please pre-register by calling 755-0710 or at the Information Desk.

Author William Bernhardt
Mar 9 | Mon | 7-8p
All Ages

Born and reared in Midwest City, well-known author William Bernhardt will discuss his books and answer questions. Do not miss this opportunity to hear this highly respected author speak. Co-sponsor: Friends of the Library.

Parachute Play
Mar 10 | Tue | 10:30-11a
Ages 3-6 with parent



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

Southern Oaks Book Club
Mar 10 | Tue | 11:30a-12:30p
Adults

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

Homework Help
Mar 12,26 | Thur | 4-6p
Grades 1-5

Do you know someone who needs help with those last minute papers and tests? Or maybe they just need help bringing up their reading scores? High school and college students will be available to answer questions or read with young people. Call 631-4468 for more information. Please pre-register!

Fan Fiction & Fan Art Contest Deadline
Mar 15 | Sun | 1-6p
All Ages

Today is the last day to drop off entries for the 3rd annual Scarlet Kitsune fan fiction & fan art contest! All entries must be copyrighted characters. Entries will be accepted until 6:00 PM. Winners will be announced March 21 at 2:00 PM. Must be present to win!!! Call John at 631-4468 for rules and more information. Co-Sponsor: Scarlet Kitsune Anime Club!

Zydeco Spring Fling presented by Leon and Joseph
"Chopper" Chavis
Mar 17 | Tue | 1-2p
All Ages



See page 11 for description & schedule.

Mad Rocket Science!
Mar 17 | Tue | 4-5:30p
Ages 11-19



Mad rocket scientist Kristi Adams will teach students how to create rockets from common household items. Students will learn about linear motion, projectile motion, energy, and force. Kristi is a physics instructor and mad scientist for Oklahoma City Community College and Westmoore High School. Please pre-register. This free program is part of March's Teen Tech Month "Press Play @ Your Library" celebration!

Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County
Mar 19 | Thur | 3:30-5p



Southern Oaks Library
 6900 S. Walker
 OKC, OK 73139
 405.631.4468
 The public is welcome to attend.

Fan Fiction & Fan Art Contest Party!
Mar 21 | Sat | 1:30-3:30p
All Ages

We will be announcing the winners of the Scarlet Kitsune Fan Fiction & Fan Art Contest. Come see the art, learn about the winning entries, and hang out with like minded aficionados. Free food and prizes! Co-sponsor: Scarlet Kitsune Anime Club!

Build Your Own Business
Mar 23 | Mon | 6:30-7:30p
Adults

Learn why business plans are important, where to find funding, and how to start and manage a business. Seminar presented by SCORE, "Counselors to America's Small Business", a nonprofit organization dedicated to entrepreneur education and the success of small businesses nationwide. SCORE is a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Co-sponsor: SBA.

Kids Create
Mar 24 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p
Ages 8-12

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

Terrific Threes'
Mar 31 | Tue | 2:30-4p
Parents and caregivers of young children



Come join in as we discuss characteristics of the three year old child. We will explore the areas of language, physical, social and emotional development. Bring your questions with you. Call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to pre-register for the free workshop. Co-sponsor: OCCHD

Video Game Day!
Mar 31 | Tue | 6-8p
Teens



We will have Wii, PS2 and Gamecube systems! Refreshments will be provided. Call 631-4468 to pre-register. This free program is part of March's Teen Tech Month "Press Play @ Your Library" celebration. Pre-register.

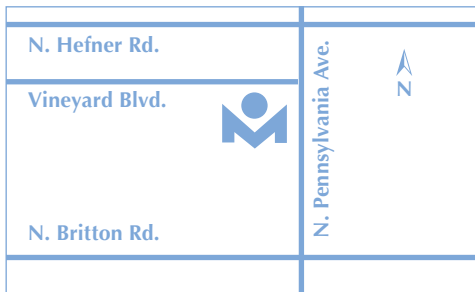
The Village Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



2009 Winter Readfest

Feb. 1 - March 31

Ages 55 and Older

See page 9 for details.

Introduction to MS Excel

Mar 2,9,16,23 | 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.



Free Tax Help @ The Village

See page 23 for dates & times.

Storytime

Mar 3,10,17,24 | Tue

10-10:30a

Ages 2-5 years

Children ages 2-5 join us for storytime. There will be songs, stories, and occasional crafts. Come join the fun! Please pre-register at the Information Desk or call 755-0710.



Children Reading to Dogs

Mar 5,12,19,26 | 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.



Business Counseling Sessions with SCORE

Mar 7 | Sat | 9a-Noon

Adults

Thinking about starting a new business? Need

some advice with a small business problem? Counseling and assistance is available from SCORE (the Service Corps of Retired Executives). You can schedule a free, confidential session with SCORE member Al Williams on Saturday, March 7 in the morning. Call the Village Library Information Desk to sign up. Co-sponsor: SCORE.

Author William Bernhardt

Mar 10 | Tue | 2-3p

All Ages

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Attic Light Book Club

Mar 14 | Sat | 10:30-11:30a

Ages 10-15

Join us for a discussion of *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card! Stop by the Village Library Information Desk to pre-register or call 755-0710. A limited number of books will be available at the Information Desk and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Snacks provided.



Teens

Book Discussion Group

Mar 16 | 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 3pm to discuss our latest pick. This month's title can be picked up at the Village Information Desk.

Piano Masterworks by

Wayne McEvilly

Mar 16 | Mon | 7-8p

All Ages

Master pianist Wayne McEvilly returns to the Metropolitan Library System for a Spring 2009 series of seven concerts spotlighting 18th and 19th century masterpieces. At the Village Library he will perform Mozart pieces including the kid-friendly "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star Variations." Come join us for this fun free concert!



Zydeco Spring Fling presented

by Leon and Joseph

"Chopper" Chavis

Mar 19 | Thur | 1-2p

All Ages

See page 11 for description & schedule.



Anime Club

Mar 19 | 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



Teens

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.

Introduction to Library Databases

Mar 19 | Thur | 6:30-8p

Adults

Free class for high school students, college students and adults! Learn to use databases to search journals, magazines, newspapers, reference books and other sources of information. This class provides an introduction to Academic Search Elite, which contains articles on a diverse range of topics, Literature Resource Center, which contains biographical, bibliographical, and critical content about literary figures, and the Oklahoman Electronic Archives, which contains articles that have appeared in the Daily Oklahoman newspaper from 1901 to the present.



Passport Adventure: China

Mar 21 | Sat | 2:30-3:30p

Grades 2 through 5

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Parent Talk

Mar 26 | Thur | 1-4p

Parents and caregivers of young children

Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development as well as any parenting questions you may have in the areas of speech, language, development, and behavior. Children do not have to be present at session. Please call 425-4412 to schedule an appointment. Facilitated by Tracy Goebel, M/Ed., CCC-SLP and Sarita Naegeli, M.S. Co-Sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.



Knitty Committee

Mar 28 | Sat | 10-11a

All Ages

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

Warr Acres Library

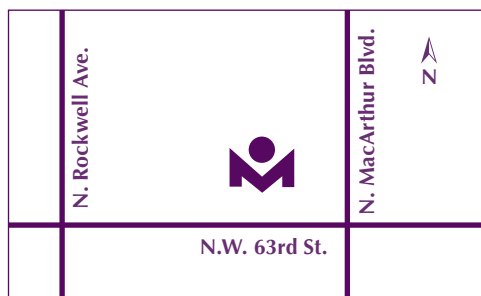
5901 N.W. 63rd, Warr Acres
(405) 721-2616

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5

Sun: Closed



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AARP Tax Assistance at Warr Acres

See page 23 for dates & times.

English as a Second Language

Mar 2,4,9,11,23,25,30

Mon & Wed | 5:30-8p

Adults

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



Story Time for Preschoolers

Mar 3,17,31 | Tue

10:30-11:15a

Ages 2 1/2 to 5 years

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



Stuttering and Self-Esteem Workshop

Mar 3 | Tue | 3:30-5p

Adults

Stuttering or speech problems can affect the way a child feels about him/herself. We will discuss how parents and child care providers can have a positive impact on a child's self-esteem. We will further talk about how to recognize a stuttering disorder and what a parent can do to help decrease dysfluency. Call 425-4412 to register. Free.



Make a Spring Wreath

Mar 7 | Sat | 2-3p

Adults

A wreath provides an easy way to brighten up your home décor in anticipation of Spring. Join Karla Richards, an Oklahoma Master Florist as she demonstrates and helps you craft

a wreath that will complement your taste and décor. Please pre-register by calling 721-2616 or stop by the Reference Desk to pick up a supply list. Some supplies will be provided.

Author William Bernhardt

Mar 9 | Mon | 11a-Noon

All Ages

Born and raised in Midwest City, well-known author William Bernhardt will discuss his books and answer questions. Do not miss this opportunity to hear this highly respected author speak. Co-sponsor: Friends of the Library.

Play Time for Babies and Tots

Mar 11,18,25 | Wed

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

8 months - 2 1/2 year olds

with adult

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



Children Reading to Dogs

Mar 12 | Thur

6:30-7:30p

5 years and older

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



Caldecott Art Club

Mar 14 | Sat | 10:30-11:30a

Ages 5 and older

Children will create new worlds for familiar stories like award-winning author and illustrator David Wiesner. Art supplies are provided. Please call to pre-register.

Warr Acres Coffee Break

Mar 16 | 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.

Zydeco Spring Fling presented by Leon and Joseph

"Chopper" Chavis

Mar 18 | Wed | 2-3p

All Ages

See page 11 for description & schedule.



Game Night

Mar 19 | Thur | 6:30-8p

Teens 12-17

Come join us for Rock Band, Super Smash Brothers and more! Please call ahead to register. Games are rated E, E10+, and T. This free program is part of March's Teen Tech Month "Press Play @ Your Library" celebration.



Teens

Pajama Story Time for Preschoolers

Mar 24 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

Ages 2 1/2 - 5

Hop to the library for Pajama Story Time. Bring your child in his or her bunny suit or PJs for fun, rabbit stories with Miss Alma and her puppets. Please call to pre-register.



Art of the Harlem Renaissance

Mar 28 | Sat | 2-3p

Teens and Adults

Create and learn about this vibrant period of American History with artist Suzanne Thomas. Art supplies provided. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Museum of Art.

Wright Library

2101 Exchange, OKC
(405) 235-5035

HOURS

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



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29	30	31				

Off the Beaten Path

... Discovering New Literary Treasures

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

LaPlante, Eve. *Salem Witch Judge: The Life and Repentance of Samuel Sewall*.

974.402/SE5131/BIOGRAPHY

Historian LaPlante, a sixth great-granddaughter of Samuel Sewall, tells the life story of the only Salem witchcraft judge who admitted his mistakes, accepted the shame of what he had done, repented, and spent the rest of his life making amends by defending the rights of slaves, women, and Native Americans. Sometimes enlightenment comes late, but that's better than it not coming at all.

Schechter, Harold, ed. *True Crime: An American Anthology*.
364.16/T8663t

The Library of America presents a surprising variety of writers, including Benjamin Franklin, Abraham Lincoln, Mark Twain, Theodore Dreiser, Calvin Trillin, and over 40 more, in this collection of brief criminal histories. Plato wrote that "the virtuous man is content to dream what a wicked man really does." Pick this one up and start dreaming.



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** 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	—

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

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.