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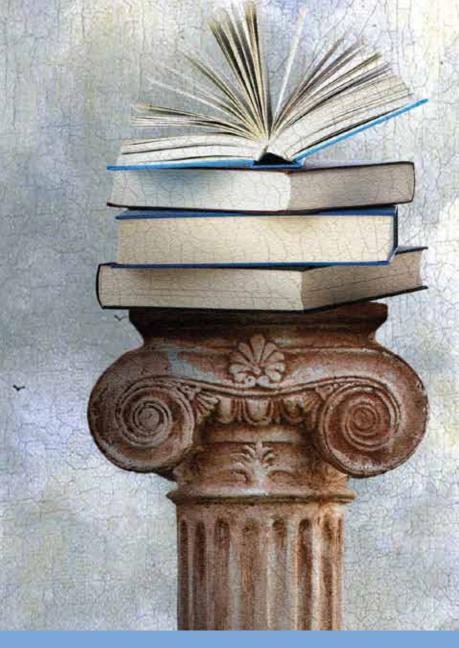
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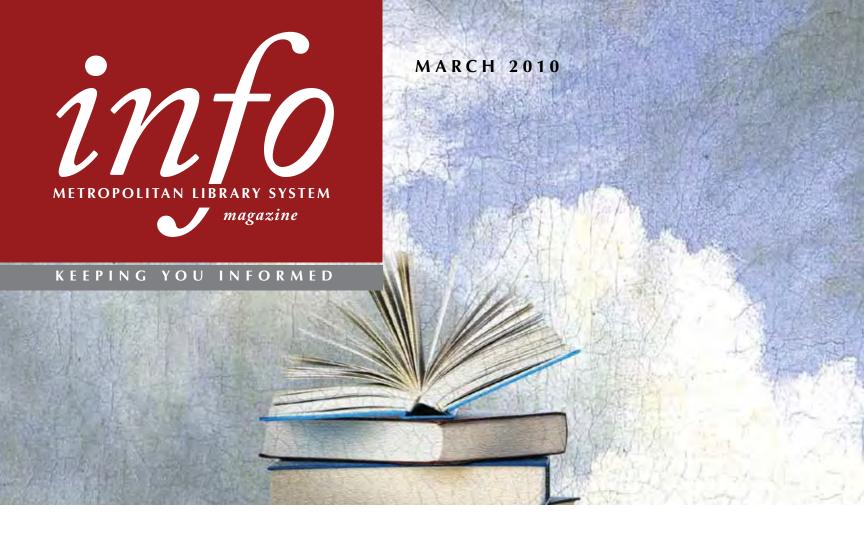
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# New info

In March, MLS is tipping its hat to our senior customers, those folks over 55 who have made using the library a significant part of their lives. Read more about Winter ReadFest, our special program for seniors, in this issue of *info*. And read, too, about our newest community partnership with the Oklahoma City Museum of Art, Gallery Stories.

Be sure to take a look at this month's Calendar of Events. After all, March is the month that English poet William Morris called the "first redresser of the winter's wrong," so if we can keep the snows away, you'll enjoy getting out of the house and attending one or more library events.

We may get impatient before Spring arrives on March 20, but after that, well, at least Winter will be gone.

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# Rampaging Monkeys Terrorize Community! ...Film at Ten by Larry Johnson



ur-ban leg-end [ur-buhn lej-uhnd] -noun a modern story of obscure origin and with little or no supporting evidence that spreads spontaneously in varying forms and often has elements of humor, moralizing, or horror

klahoma City has its urban legends: Lon Chaney, Jr. coming to life in Belle Isle Lake; the Carey Place murder. At the Reference Desk we field a lot of questions from customers about these legends; typically from someone who knew the person it happened to, or someone who remembered seeing it once in the paper. But a few weeks ago, a new question appeared. What follows is the deconstruction of a legend and a testament to the lengths we reference librarians will go to in pursuit of the truth.

A young man in his late twenties recalled his mother telling him that when she was a kid several monkeys escaped from their island home at the Oklahoma City Zoo. They scampered across frozen water to the mainland and from there terrorized

zoogoers. Based on other information provided, it was determined that the monkeys in question would have had to escape the Zoo's famed Monkey Island exhibit during the 1960s. It was Googled; nothing. Newspaper archives were searched; nothing. Escaped leopards, but no monkeys. The Zoo historian and a high-ranking Zoo administrator were called, but they hadn't heard it either. Older staff members were quizzed as were parents and grandparents. Many people swore to the story, but no details were forthcoming.

The investigation finally ended up on my desk in hopes something could be gleaned from all the old books and dusty files. I smelled an urban legend. There were no dates, no witnesses, no solid facts. I knew Monkey Island had a shallow moat, but it was surrounded by a 13 foot wall and it didn't seem that ice would have been a factor. It could have been an island in Northeast Lake. But there's no island now and I didn't see one marked on our older maps. I researched whether Northeast Lake had ever frozen over. It sure has; several times. In 1940 it froze four inches thick and the city allowed ice skating on it.

I consulted with the zoo historian once more and it suddenly clicked. She said during the 1970s there was a Gibbon Island in Northeast Lake near the

> present Aquaticus. Aha! Gibbons, not monkeys. The 1970s, not the 1960s. A quick search in the newspaper revealed that during a cold snap on January 30, 1972, a gibbon - one gibbon, not several - named Harry chased a windblown wrapper onto the ice around his home

and, finding sure footing, sprinted to freedom ashore. He was quickly captured, but not before biting the legs of two women. No serious injuries occurred, but Zoo personnel installed aerators to churn the water around the island to prevent any future icing. The island is gone now; it was leveled out in the 1980s.

Another case solved by reference librarians. We may not always be able to find such a clear answer, but we'll sure try. So on behalf of the library's reference staff I say, "Bring it on!"

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**



Written in Chalk

by Buddy and Julie Miller Carroll

Husband-and-wife duo Buddy and Julie Miller's songs sound like they could have been written in the 1890s, the 1950s, or just last week. Their latest album, Written in Chalk, is a beautiful document of their folksy, roots-rocking country sound, with lyrics often as biting as the music is smooth.

Buddy Miller is a talented multiinstrumentalist and an MVP sideman and songwriter for artists like the Dixie Chicks, Emmylou Harris, and Steve Earle. He was a featured player on last year's brilliant

Raising Sand collaboration between Allison Krauss and Led Zeppelin singer Robert Plant, and his searing guitar work and backup vocals were a memorable element of their blazing show at the Oklahoma City Zoo Amphitheater. Buddy's wife Julie is also a gifted songwriter and singer, and the contrast between his gritty vocals and her sweetly aching voice echoes throughout Written in Chalk's

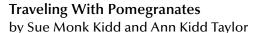
reviewed by Chris

haunting songs.

This remarkable album mixes lovely ballads like "Don't Say Goodbye" with stomping swamprockabilly shouters like "Gasoline and Matches," and almost every song sounds like a longtime classic you somehow haven't heard until just now. The Millers channel a groove reminiscent of The Band's "The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down" on the album's brilliant opener, "Ellis County," and on obscure covers like "What You Gonna Do Leroy" and "One Part, Two Part" they dig deep into the roots of country and soul music to create their classic, homemade sound.

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.





The author of *The Secret Life Of Bees* collaborates with her daughter in this moving memoir focusing on mother and daughter relationships. The book is set in Charleston, South Carolina, and on vacation

Mother Sue is anxious about getting older and how it will affect her future, and daughter Ann is suffering from a rejection to Graduate school with the subsequent depression she experiences. Sue and Ann record their own thoughts and feelings as they come to terms with their own inner anxieties while on vacation in Greece and eventually begin to share these emotions with each other, thus strengthening the mother daughter bond.

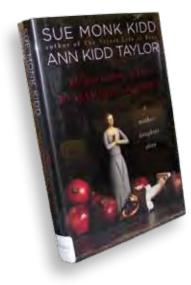
While in Greece, Sue buys two glass pomegranate necklaces which, according to Greek



myth, represent the reuniting of Demeter and her daughter Persephone after Hades carried Persephone into the underworld against her will. The pomegranate and what it represents becomes a symbolic theme throughout the book. Told in the alternative voices of Sue and Ann, this is an engaging book in a delightful setting which will speak to those with mother daughter relationships as well as to all fans of the writing of Sue Monk Kidd.

This title also available as an audio book.

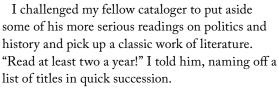
Christine Bassett has worked for the MLS for nearly 10 years. She currently works as a reference librarian at Belle Isle and is a volunteer community literacy tutor in her spare time.





reviewed by Jana Hausburg

#### The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton



When I'm in between reserves, The Age of *Innocence* is one of my fall-back books. First, the writing is incredible. Wharton's descriptions and grasp of human nature are unparalleled. I'm mesmerized by the love triangle that forms between Newland, May and Ellen, and the certain doom that will be delivered in the guise of society's values, beliefs and principles.

It was the Hollywood film that led me to the book, however. I watched in wonder as Martin Scorsese brought to life the New York of the 1870s, with all its grandeur. He incorporates Wharton's sharp observations about the hypocrisy inherent in

high society, and the difficulties facing those who might wish to break free from what we have been raised to be and to believe.

After viewing the film, all those repressed emotions acted beautifully by Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer, and Winona Ryder sent me to the library shelves for a hardback copy. The scene in which Newland removes Ellen's glove in the carriage and kisses her palm is merely a sentence in the book. The film draws it out into a scene so full of sensuality and longing that I nearly swooned.

This title is also available as a sound recording and as an OverDrive MP3 Audiobook.

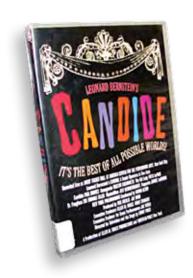
A cataloger for the Metropolitan Library System since 1995, Jana Hausburg has the daunting task of cataloging library books before they go on the shelves of your local library.



Music by Leonard Bernstein Book by Hugh Wheeler Lyrics by Leonard Bernstein, Lillian Hellman, John La Touche, Stephen Sondheim, and Richard Wilbur

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reviewed by Doug Bentin



I wonder if the recent earthquake in Haiti will make the lasting impression on world-wide culture that the Lisbon earthquake of 1755 did. Four years later, Voltaire was mining literary gold from the event in his satirical novella Candide, a brutal attack on the optimism of the German philosopher Gottfried Leibniz. In the story, young Candide and his love Cunegonde believe fervently that "this is the best of all possible worlds"—despite repeated doses of harsh reality, including war, famine, personal violence, chicanery, and natural disasters.

French novelist Gustave Flaubert said of Voltaire: "His whole intelligence was a war machine. Was he laughing? Voltaire? He was screeching."

Candide became a Broadway musical in 1956—

really, an operetta in disguise. Everyone agreed that it was brilliant, but too dark and sharply satirical for an audience just looking for a night of songs and dances. In 1973, Hugh Wheeler (Sweeney Todd) wrote a new book for the show. This new version is more popular, but it still demands a huge cast and theater economics keep it off the stage.

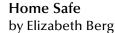
This DVD is a staged-concert presentation of the play that stars, among a bevy of talented actors/ singers, Oklahoma City's own Kristin Chenoweth. It's a slightly shortened version, but it's a great introduction to some wonderful music and lyrics.

Doug Bentin appears weekly on the MLS TV program "Read About It." Check out his movie reviews in The Oklahoma Gazette.

# **Reviews & Recommendations**



reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



for pay, even though she feels totally incapable of teaching anything. As she gets involved in the lives of her students, and an attractive man gets involved in hers, she begins to work her way back to wholeness.

Helen Ames, a successful writer, has experienced what every woman dreads. Her husband, Dan, died unexpectedly and left her alone and adrift. Helen has no home-repair skills, knows nothing about taking care of her finances, and finds she is utterly unable to write. She stumbles through life, annoying her adult daughter, Tessa, and whining to her best friend, Midge.

Readers must bear with Helen as she works her way through the stages of grief, so they can discover the message of hope and light at the end of the long, dark tunnel of widowhood.

At least Helen isn't worried about money, knowing she has a large nest egg; until she receives a call from her accountant asking what happened to the \$850,000 Dan withdrew from the bank before his death. The mystery of the missing money is soon resolved, which presents its own set of problems and doesn't solve her financial woes.

This title is also available as a sound recording, a downloadable eBook, and as an Overdrive Audio Book.

Helen reluctantly agrees to teach a writing class

Phyllis Davidson is a reference librarian at the Downtown Library. She is the editor of a family newsletter, teaches genealogy classes to customers at the library, and delves into her own family history outside the Library walls.

#### Robert B. Parker, (September 17, 1932 – January 18, 2010)

by Doug Bentin



Robert B. Parker was one of the most popular and prolific writers of crime novels from the publication of his first book, The Godwulf Manuscript in 1973 to—well, we don't know till when because before his death he turned in to his publisher several manuscripts that haven't hit the shelves yet.

His primary protagonist, the lead in 37 novels, was Spenser, the tough, gourmand private investigator from Boston, a city Parker knew well and used almost as another character in his books. A disciple of Raymond Chandler, Parker wrote fast-paced mysteries with memorable dialogue. His output was 65 books in 37 years, and he was among the top bestselling authors in the world.

He was also the 1976 winner of the Mystery Writers of America's Edgar Allan Poe Award, its 2002 Grand Master Award and Mystery Ink's 2007 Gumshoe Award for Lifetime Achievement.

"The art of writing a mystery is just the art of writing fiction," he told a Boston Globe interviewer in 2007. "You create interesting characters and put them into interesting circumstances and figure out how to get them out of them."

Parker's next posthumous publication will be Blue-Eyed Devil, the fifth volume in his Virgil Cole and Everett Hitch western series. It will be released on May 4.

# GALLERY STORIES: MLS & THE ART MUSEUM TOGETHER AGAIN

t's a natural pairing—your Metropolitan Library L System and the Oklahoma City Museum of Art. We've been working together for years to create a series of Family Days, but now something new is coming from our partnership—Gallery Stories.

"What we're doing with Gallery Stories," said MLS librarian Rondia Banks, "is that it gives me opportunities to travel to the museum, which is just across the street from the Downtown Library and a block west,

and conduct a story telling session for children at the museum. The session takes place in front of one of the permanent exhibits and I tie my stories into the theme or subject of the exhibit."

Rondia is working closely with the Museum's Curator of Education, Chandra Boyd.

"What makes this work so well," Boyd said, "is our wonderful relationship with the whole library system. The program is a success because our relationship with MLS is such a success. So much of our audience is shared with the library, combining our exhibits with the library's stories is a sure deal."

Story times at the museum take place once a month on the second Saturday from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. The March edition will be on the 18th and the April one

will be on the 10th. For more

information, look in the Calendar of

Events in this issue of *info* or visit the MLS website,

www.metrolibrary.org.

"I love the blending of the visual with the auditory," Banks added. "

More and more we are turning into a visual society, and visual literacy is just as important as the traditional

kind."

Museum customers wishing to check out Gallery Stories will have to pay regular museum admission prices, but the additional story telling time is free.



No one can remember when the Metropolitan Library System began its annual summertime reading program for kids. The origin of that event is lost in the mists of time.

But just a few years ago, while discussing Summer at the Library, someone sighed that a similar program should be developed for adults, too. The kids, it was thought, have all the fun. As British Prime Minister Herbert Henry Asquith once observed, youth would be perfect if it only came a little later in life.



"One of the reasons we sponsor Summer Reading for kids," Roesler said, "is to encourage them to keep on reading even when they don't have to for school. That's not a challenge for seniors because the ones who like to read don't really need further motivation."

The program has been building steadily since that first year. In 2004, only 711 seniors signed on and the numbers have increased every year—so far in 2010 enrollment is over half of the number who joined the program in 2009.

"Just for signing up," Anita continued, "readers receive a free book bag, and then for every four books they read or listen to—some people prefer to listen to audio books—you get to enter for a prize drawing. The more you read, the more chances you have to win."

Drawing prizes include Visa gift cards, IPod Nanos, and of course, books. The big grand prize this year is a Dell computer.

The program began on Feb. 1 and runs through the end of the day on March 31. You can sign up on the last day and still receive a book bag.

"If you're going to read anyway," Anita wisely observed, "you may as well get gifts and win prizes."

Winter ReadFest is for seniors aged 55 plus. Call 606-3835, or visit the MLS website, www.metrolibrary.org, for additional information.

Winter ReadFest is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library, and the Library Endowment Trust.



## **Luther Library**

The Luther Library, now located at 310 N.E. 3<sup>rd</sup> in the City of Luther, was the last Extension Library to move out of a permanently parked bookmobile and into a real brick and mortar building. Back in those days, the only full-time library staff at Luther was extension specialist Angela Paeltz, but Angie has now been joined by Extension specialists Dennis D. Delano, and Grant E. Yokley, along with library page Mackenzie Paige Stephens.

It was truly a one-gal show. For the Luther Christmas Parade, Angie even borrowed a couple of llamas, raised by her daughter, attached fake antlers to them, and passed them off as reindeer.

The little library trailer was always in demand, but the City of Luther desperately wanted a permanent building. The trouble was funding. It seemed that every time the city was able to set aside some library funds, something would happen that would necessitate the money be spend somewhere else.

But in mid-2003, Luther bought a preexisting 1,800 square foot building. MLS helped with the refurbishing and the new Luther Library held its Grand Opening event on Saturday, May 8, 2004.

City vice-mayor Gwenda Church expressed the town's exhilaration. "Everybody in town is very excited," she said, "and I mean just everybody. We've been working on this project for a very long time and it's now going to be a reality. The Town of Luther is thrilled."

# march

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

#### Belle Isle Libra<u>ry</u> 5501 N. Villa Ave., OKC (405) 843-9601 HOURS Fri: 9-6



#### 2010 Winter Readfest Feb. 1-March 31 Seniors 55+

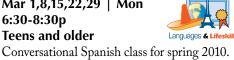
Winter Readfest continues! Sign up to read and get a free book bag through March 31. Read for prizes. Call 606-3835 for more information. Co-sponsors: Friends of the Library, Library Endowment Trust.

#### **Children Reading to Dogs** Mar 1,8,15,22,29 | Mon 6-7:30p 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.

#### **Conversational Spanish Class** Mar 1,8,15,22,29 | Mon 6:30-8:30p



This course is intended to teach basic Spanish speaking skills (Who, What, When, and Where). The class began on Jan. 25 and will

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#### **Service Corps of Retired Executives** Mar 6,20 | Sat | 9a-Noon Adults

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

# Winning Resumés—Winning Jobs

Oklahoma City will lead these sessions.

#### An Author Event: Meet Terrye Robins Mar 4 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p Ages 10 and older

tions and to register, come to the class.

continue on Monday evenings until April 19. Register at the Reference Desk or call 843-9601.

Tax Help by AARP Volunteers

Mar 2,9,16,23,30 | Tue | 9a-1p

Mar 3,10,17,24,31 | Wed | 9a-1p

Mar 6,13,20,27 | Sat | 9a-Noon

AARP trained volunteers will assist you in

returns. No appointments - first come, first

served. E-filing only. Co-sponsor: AARP.

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your English speaking, reading, and writing

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to the English language. Ongoing enrollment.

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ESL: Learn English as a Second

Mar 2,4,9,11,16,18,23,25,30,31

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

preparing your 2009 state and federal tax

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Language

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(This program was cancelled in Jan. due to bad weather and changed to March 4.) Terrye Robins, of Chelsea, Oklahoma, will discuss her Christian-fiction books in a fun presentation. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

#### Parent Talk Mar 4 | Thur | 1-4p **Pre-kindergarten**



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

#### Mar 16 | Tue | 6:30-8:30p **Adults**

Want to know how to create a professional resumé? Want to know how to make yourself a winning candidate? We will teach the essential tools you will need to assist in finding a job. Employment Manager Roy Ballou and leading recruiters from some of the top companies in

#### Secret Agent 23 Skidoo: **Positive Hip Hop for Kids** Mar 18 | Thur | 7-8p All ages



By combining the world of infectious beats and rhymes that he grew up on, and with the magical realm of childhood, Agent 23 aims to introduce kids to hip hop without compromising either one. Secret Agent 23 Skidoo has spent over a decade touring nationally in a live hip hop band, and half that time as a Dad, when he realized a need for hip hop both kids and parents could relate to. http://www.secretagent23skidoo.com/bio.html Co-sponsors: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System, Oklahoma Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts.

#### Metro OKC Knit Guild Group Meeting Mar 21 | Sun | 3-5p Teens and Adults

Everyone--any knitter or a person who's never knitted, but would like to learn is



# Tax Help: AARP

For Adults. AARP trained volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2009 state and federal tax returns. No appointments taken. First come, first served.

Belle Isle Library—AARP, E-filing ONLY. Tuesdays: Mar 2,9,16,23,30: 9a-1p Wednesdays: Mar 3,10,17,24,31: 9a-1p Saturdays: Mar 6,13,20,27: 9a-Noon

Del City Library-AARP, E-filing ONLY Mondays: Mar 1,8,15,22,29: Noon-4p Thursdays: Mar 4,11,18,25: Noon-4p Saturdays: Mar 6,13,20,27: 9-11a

Edmond Library-AARP E-filing ONLY Wednesdays: Mar 3,10,17,24,31: 10a-3p Thursdays: Mar 4,11,18,25: 10a-3p Thursdays: Mar 4,11,18,25: 6-8:30p

Southern Oaks Library-AARP E-filing ONLY Wednesdays: Mar 3,10,17,24,31: 9a-2:30p Thursdays: Mar 4,11,18,25: 9a-2:30p

The Village Library-AARP, E-filing ONLY. Tuesdays: Mar 2,9,16,23,30: 10a-3p Wednesdays: Mar 3,10,17,24,31: 10a-3p Saturdays: Mar 6,13,20,27: 10a-3p

Warr Acres Library-AARP, E-filing ONLY Mondays: Mar 1,8,15,22,29: 9a-2p Fridays: Mar 5,12,19,26: 9a-2p

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. Co-sponsor: Metro OKC Knit Guild.

#### Almost, Mr. Edison, Almost Mar 22 | Mon | 7-8p All ages



The great inventor himself speaks, revealing facts and fiction about the man some say invented the twentieth century with the incandescent lamp. Mr. Edison will take questions following his formal presentation. Call 606-3835 for additional information.

#### Animal Strike at the Zoo Mar 30 | Tue | 10-11a Pre-kindergarten



Stories about zoo animals and their behavior will be shared by Miss B. Playtime and an activity will follow. Pre-registration begins March 1st. 843-9601.



#### Bethany Library 3501 N. Mueller, Bethany (405) 789-8363 **HOURS** Mon-Thur: 9-9 Sat: 9-5 Fri: 9-6 Sun: Closed



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Family Place: 1-2-3 Play With Me Mar 4,11 | Thur 9:30-10:15a & 10:30-11:15a Infants to age 4 w/parent



Playing with your baby or child is not only important for bonding but is also an educational experience for your child. A different community resource professional will be available each week to answer your parenting questions. Pre-register by calling the library or visiting the Reference Desk.

#### Winning Resumés—Winning Jobs Mar 6 | Sat | 2-4p Adults

Want to know how to create a professional resumé? Want to know how to make yourself a winning candidate? We will teach the essential tools you will need to assist in finding a job. Employment Manager Roy Ballou and leading recruiters from some of the top companies in Oklahoma City will lead these sessions.

The Children's Hour: **Evening Story Time** Mar 9 | Tue | 6:30-7p Ages 3-8



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

#### Hill's Irish Dancers Mar 13 | Sat | 3-4p All Ages



Happy St.Patrick's Day will be celebrated on Saturday with Jean Hill's Irish Dance Troupe. Educational & entertaining this will be a fun experience. Refreshments served after the event.

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#### Wii Games and Snacks Mar 19 | Fri | 10-11:30a **Adults**

Exercise while having lots of fun with the Wii. Coffee and morning snacks will be served. Bowling, golfing and lots of games available.

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#### **Story and Craft Time** Mar 25 | Thur | 10-10:45a **Ages 3-6**



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

#### **Children Reading to Dogs** Mar 27 | 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. Pre-register at the Info. Desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.

## Capitol Hill Library

#### **HOURS**

Walker Ave. N SW 26th St.

#### 2010 Winter Readfest Feb. 1-March 31 Seniors 5+

Sign up to read and get a free book bag through

March 31. Read for prizes. Call 606-3835 for more information. Co-sponsors: Friends of the Library, Library Endowment Trust.

#### **Move and Groove Story Time** Mar 1,15 | Mon 10:30-11a

Ages 1-4



Join us every 1st and 3rd Monday each month for toddler aerobics. Preschoolers and their caregivers can exercise their body and their brain! Learn fun ways to get moving, and hear a story too.

#### Happy Birthday Dr. Suess! Mar 2 | Tue | 4-4:45p Ages 3 and older



Come celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. Seussical stories, silly games and birthday cake

#### **After School Club** Mar 3,10,24 | Wed | 3:30-4:30p **Grades 1-6**

Join us every Wednesday afternoon for fun at the library. Play board games, make a craft and have a snack, all while making new friends.

#### **Conversational Spanish Class** Mar 3,10,17,24 | Wed 5:30-7p

**Adults** 

**Teens** 



Conversational Spanish class for Spring 2010. This course is intended to teach basic Spanish speaking skills (Who, What, When, and Where). The class will meet for 14 sessions starting on Wednesday, February 10th. The class will continue on Wednesday evenings until May 12th. This program requires pre-registration. Please sign up at the Information Desk, or by calling the library.

#### Capitol Hill Artist's and Writer's Club

Mar 5 | Fri | 3-4p



Hey teens! Join us after school every Friday to express artistic talent in different media. Supplies and refreshments provided. Call 634-6308 for more information.

#### **Preschool Storytime** Mar 9 | Tue | 11-11:45a **Ages 2-5**



It's spring and our garden is in bloom! Come hear stories about the things that Spring brings. Make a garden of paper flowers.

#### **GameFest** Mar 13 | Sat | 2-4p **Teens**



Bring your friends for an open play session of video games like Guitar Hero, Super Smash Brothers, Mario Kart, and more. Games are

rated E, E10+, and T. Pre-register.

#### Spring Break at the Library Mar 15-19 | Mon-Fri | Noon-8p Ages 6-12

Who says you can't take a trip for Spring Break? Spend each afternoon at the Capitol Hill library during Spring Break for fun and exciting events!

#### Plant a Seed and Read Mar 15 | Mon | 2-3p Ages 6-12

Learn about the life cycle of plants, and plant your own seed. Please pre-register at the Information Desk. Class size will be limited. 634-6308.

#### **Creative Cool Cooking** Mar 16 | Tue | 2-3p Ages 6-12

Learn how to prepare delicious and nutritious snacks that would even impress your Grandma! Please pre-register at the Information desk. Class size will be limited. 634-6308.

#### **Sculpting Class** Mar 17 | Wed | 2-3p Ages 6-12

All supplies provided. Please pre-register at the Information Desk. Class size will be limited.

#### Secret Agent 23 Skidoo: **Positive Hip Hop for Kids** Mar 18 | Thur | 1-2p All ages



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#### By the Book Treasure Hunt Mar 19 | Fri | 2-3p Ages 6-12

Search for treasure by the book at the library. You never know what treasure and adventure you will find in the pages of a book! Win a prize! Please pre-register at the Information Desk.

#### **Blast Off! Lapsit Storytime** Mar 23 | Tue | 11-11:30a **Ages 2-5**



Learn how to read to your baby in a way that is fun and engaging!



## Everything You Need to Know to Learn Computer Basics!

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

March 2: **Computer Basics** March 9: Computer Basics 2

March 16: Excell Basics

April 6: Internet Fraud

April 13: Computer Basics—Keyboarding

April 20: **Email and Gmail** 

May 4: **Computer Basics** May 11: **Computer Basics 2** 

eBay—How to Buy & Sell Safely May 18:

Questions? Call (405) 606-3879 for answers or to register.

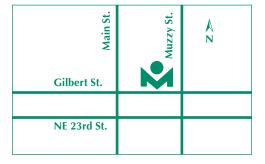
\*Every Wednesday from 9-11am the Route 66 Computer Lab is open for job searching, resume assistance and one-on-one computer instruction.

#### **Computer Basics** Mar 27 | Sat | 2-3:15p Adults



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

**Choctaw Library** 2525 Muzzy St., Choctaw (405) 390-8418 **HOURS** Mon-Thur: 9-8 Fri: 9-6 Sun: Closed



#### 2010 Winter Readfest Feb. 1-March 31 Seniors 55+

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Read for prizes. Call 606-3835 for more information. Co-sponsors: Friends of the Library, Library Endowment Trust.

#### Mar 1,3,8,10,22,24,29,31 Mon & Wed | 9-11:15a



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

#### **Conversational Spanish Class** Mar 1,15,22,29 | Mon 9-11:15a Ages 16-adult

Tech and State Dept. of Education.



Spanish language students are invited to join a free 8 week conversational Spanish class to practice and improve their conversational Spanish. Pre-registration preferred. Call 390-8418 for more information. Co-sponsor: Choctaw Library Guild.

#### **Lapsit Story Time** Mar 2,9,16,23,30 | Tue 9:30-10a Ages 6 months-3 years



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

#### **Preschool Story Time** Mar 2,9,16,23,30 | Tue 10:30-11a Ages 3-5 years



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

#### Games at Your Library Mar 2,9,16,23,30 | Tue | 3:30-5p Mar 4,18,25 | Thur | 3:30-5p **Kids and teens**

GOT GO! Expand your brain power and play some games at the library. On Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, the community room will be open for kids and teens to play games. Play GO, Chess, Checkers, Dominoes, card games and more.

#### Winning Resumés—Winning Jobs Mar 2 | Tue | 6-7p Adults

Want to know how to create a professional resumé? Want to know how to make yourself a winning candidate? We will teach the essential tools you will need to assist in finding a job. Employment Manager Roy Ballou and leading recruiters from some of the top companies in Oklahoma City will lead these sessions.

#### Family Place: 1-2-3 Play With Me Mar 5,12,19 | Fri | 10-11a Infants to age 4 w/parent



Playing with your baby or child is not only important for bonding but is also an educational

experience for your child. We are providing a special time and place for you to come to the library and spend one-on-one time playing with your child. A different community resource professional will be available each week to answer your parenting questions. This program is intended for infants through age four with their parents or guardians. Pre-register by calling the library or visiting the Reference Desk.

#### **Trip Around the World** Mar 8 | Mon | 6-7:30p **Grades 3-6**

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to travel the globe right in your very own local library. This innovative and hands-on experience for children in grades three through six is sponsored by the Junior League of Oklahoma City. Kids 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 the Information Desk. Co-sponsor: Junior League of Oklahoma City.

#### Teen Tech Month Gamefest Mar 11 | Thur | 5-7p

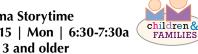
Join us for Wii, PS2, and Gamecube games as we celebrate Teen Tech Month! Rock Band, DDR, Smash Brothers and more will be available- and of course we'll have plenty of snacks! Sign up today by calling 390-8418!

#### Family Place: Open Play Mar 13 | Sat | 10-11a Ages 6 months - 5 years



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

#### Pajama Storytime Mar 15 | Mon | 6:30-7:30a Ages 3 and older



Put on your pajamas and join us for a good bedtime story and activity.

#### Secret Agent 23 Skidoo: Positive Hip Hop for Kids Mar 17 | Wed 10:30-11:30a All ages



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#### **Children Reading to Dogs** Mar 17 | Wed | 4-5p Children who can read



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

#### **Parachute Play** Mar 26 | Fri | 10:30-11a Ages 3-6 with parent



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 Carol Roberts. Class size limited to 20. Please call 390-8418 to pre-register.

#### **Ookami Anime Club** Mar 27 | Sat | 2:30-4p **Teens**



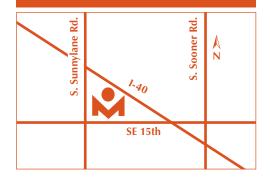
Share and discuss your favorite Anime and Manga (Japanese drawings and cartoons). Screen new Anime episodes each month! Snacks will be provided so come join the fun! \*Anime may contain material that is considered unsuitable for ages 13 and younger.

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

#### **HOURS**

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

Sun: Closed



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#### Tax Help by AARP Volunteers Mar 1,8,15,22,29 | Mon | Noon-4p Mar 4,11,18,25 | Thur | Noon-4p Mar 6,13,20,27 | Sat | 9-11a

Del City Library hosts AARP tax help volunteers Mondays and Thursdays, noon to 4pm, and Saturdays, 9:00am to 11am. E-filing. Tax help is provided on a first-come, first served basis.

#### **Color Me Yellow Storytime** Mar 3 | Wed | 10-10:20a Ages 1-5



Color Storytime continues with yellow stories and activities. Wear yellow and join the fun!

#### **PlayTime** Mar 4 | Thur | 10-11a Ages 6 months-3 years



Little ones are invited to play at the library. Shari Clifton, from OU's Health Sciences' Library, will share information about children's health materials and their programs related to children.

#### **Trip Around the World** Mar 6 | Sat | 2-3:30p Grades 3-6

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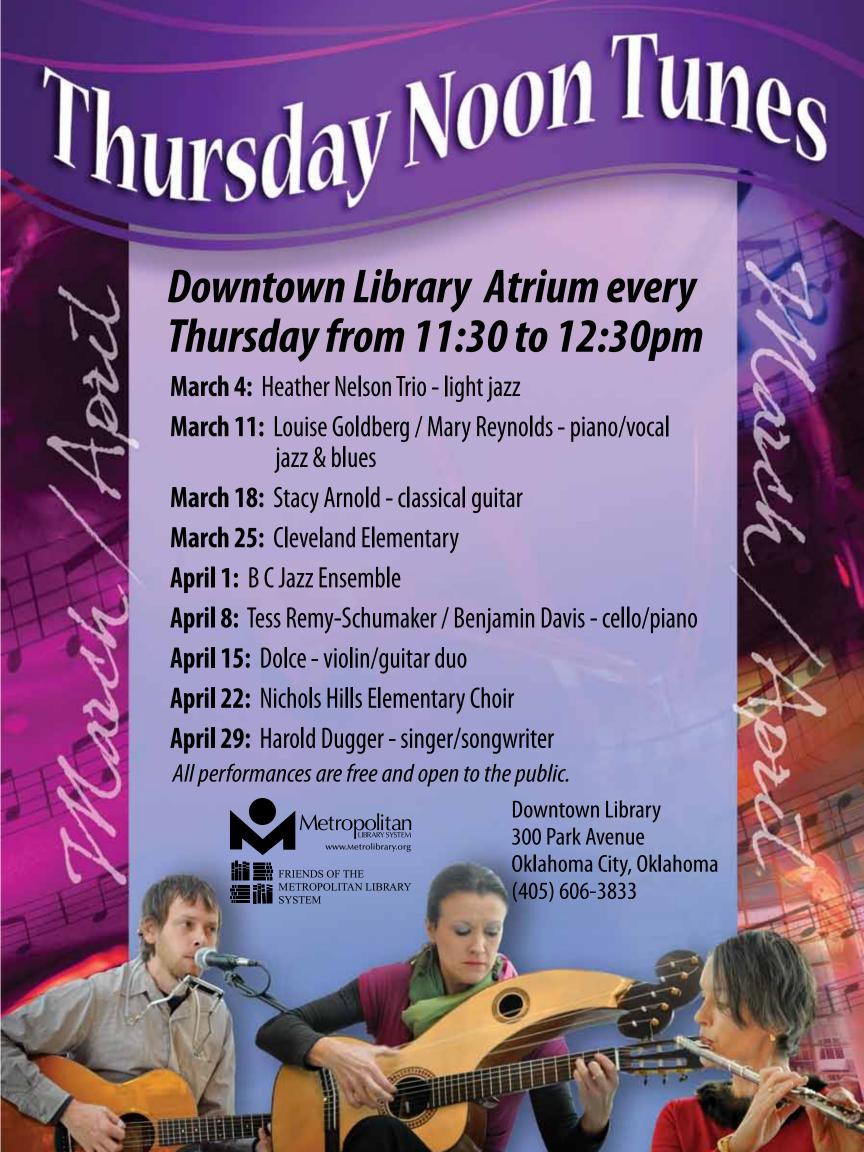
#### **Parent Talk** Mar 8 | Mon | 1-5p For parents of pre-schoolers



The Oklahoma City/County Health Department will be at the Del City Library to visit with parents about their young children. Staff from the Child Guidance section will be available for consultation about your child! Appointments are required and are made by calling 425- 4412. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

#### **Del City Book Club** Mar 8 | Mon | 7-8p **Adults**

Del City Book Club meets monthly to discuss a book chosen by its members. Join anytime and suggest a title for upcoming meetings! This month we are reading *The Help* by Kathryn Stocket. Come by and pick up your copy.



#### Just Bead It: Music and **Jewelry Making** Mar 9 | Tue | 3-4:30p **Teens**



Drop by the library after school and join us for a music listening and jewelry making extravaganza! Bring your favorite CD to share and the rest will be provided. Call 672-1377 for more info and to sign up.

#### **Ducky Storytime** Mar 9 | Tue | 6:30-7:15p **Ages 4-8**

Join the fun at Storytime for stories and activities about ducks! It will be a quacking good time!

#### **Storytime Aerobics** Mar 11 | Thur | 6:30-7p Ages 1-5



"In like a lamb and out like a lion", we start off slow then excel to a nice workout at our Storytime Aerobics. Join us as we do exercises that will jump start your spring season.

#### **Teen Tech Month's Digital** Storytelling Mar 18-25 | 6:30-7:30p Mar 25 | Thur | 6-8p **Teens**



Teens, it's time to tell your own story. Come to the library tonight or anytime from March 19-25 and record your story with a Flip digital video camera. The finale is on Mar 25. Call 672-1377 for more information.

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#### **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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#### What's New at the Downtown College: **Sneak Preview of Upcoming Classes** Mar 2 | Tue | Noon-1p **Adults**

Please join us on the fourth floor of the Downtown Library in room C-D to get a sneak preview of the upcoming classes at the OKC Downtown College. The OKC Downtown College offers personal enrichment and professional development classes as well as college credit courses from the University of Central Oklahoma, Oklahoma City Community College, Oklahoma State University-OKC, Redlands Community College, and Rose State College. Call 232-3382 for information and to pre-register by Feb. 26. Co-sponsor: OKC Downtown College.

#### **Computer Basics** Mar 2 | Tue | 6-7:30p **Adults**



Come to the Route 66 Computer Lab for basic computer instruction. The class will include an introduction to Microsoft Word and many of its most used functions, Internet searching and time for questions and answers. Please register at 606-3879 or ask for Wendy if you have questions.

#### Wednesday Night at the Movies Mar 3,10,17,24,31 | Wed | 6-8p Ages 13 and older

Join the Downtown Library for Wednesday

Night at the Movies! Please call 606-3876 for more information.

Mar 3: The Queen Mar 10: Evita

Mar 17: A League of Their Own Mar 24: Pray the Devil Back to Hell Mar 31: The Rosa Parks Story

#### **Noon Tunes** Mar 4,11,18,25 | Thur 11:30a-12:30p All ages



Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Metropolitan Library System. Music groups performing in March are:

Mar 4: Heather Nelson Trio Mar 11: Louise Goldberg/Mary Reynolds

Mar 18: Stacy Arnold, Classical Piano Mar 25: Cleveland Elementary School

#### Family Place: 1-2-3 Play With Me Mar 4,11,25 | Thur 6:30-7:30p



Infants to age 4 w/parent Playing with your baby or child is not only important for bonding but is also an educational experience for your child. We are providing a special time and place for you to come to the library and spend one-on-one time playing with your child. A different community resource professional will be available each week to answer your parenting questions. This program is intended for infants through age four with their parents or guardians. Pre-register by calling 231-8650, ext. 4, or by visiting the Children's Reference Desk.

#### PM Play with Me Play Group Mar 4 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p Infants to age 5 with adult



Join us for fun with toys and friends the first Thursday of every month. A simple craft and a story are included. During snack time, a short discussion is held on the topic of the month.

#### Play with Me Mar 5 | Fri | 10-10:50a Infants to age 5 with adult



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

#### **Canterbury Youth Choruses Apprentice Choir Presents: Nature in Song** Mar 6 | Sat | 2-3p

The Apprentice Choir from the Canterbury Youth Choruses will present a concert in the 4th floor auditorium. Under the direction of Judith Havens and accompanist Kay Boyles,

the 27-voiced ensemble will sing a program entitled Nature In Song. The public is invited. A special invitation is extended to children. Co-sponsor: Canterbury Choir.

#### **Ernestine Hill Clark Concert Series:** Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata with pianist Wayne McEvilly Mar 7 | Sun | 2-3p All ages



These concerts, in honor of Ernestine Clark, are performed by Wayne McEvilly. Everyone is invited to enjoy the free concerts. Cosponsor: MLS Endowment Trust.

#### Winning Resumés—Winning Jobs Mar 9 | Tue | Noon-2p **Adults**

Want to know how to create a professional resumé? Want to know how to make yourself a winning candidate? We will teach the essential tools you will need to assist in finding a job. Employment Manager Roy Ballou and leading recruiters from some of the top companies in Oklahoma City will lead these sessions.

#### **Computer Basics Two** Mar 9 | Tue | 6-7:30p **Adults**



Come to the Route 66 Computer Lab for part two of computer basics. This class will be a continuation of computer basics with advanced uses and functions for Microsoft Word, using your desktop, my computer and the control panel. Please register at 606-3879 or ask for Wendy if you have question.

#### **Preschool Aerobics** Mar 12 | Fri | 10-10:45a Ages 5 and younger w/adult



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

#### **Gallery Story Times** Mar 13 | Sat | 2-3p All ages



Held at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art. (Storytime is free with paid admission to the museum.) Discover stories about artists, artworks, and their inspiration! Join us in the Oklahoma City Museum of Art galleries the second Saturday of each month at 2 pm, as we explore unique themes connecting art and literature. No advance registration is required. A parent or caregiver must remain with the child. Co-sponsored by the Metropolitan Library System.

#### Secret Agent 23 Skidoo: **Positive Hip Hop for Kids** Mar 14 | Sun | 2-3p All ages



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#### Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs Mar 16 | Tue | 1-3p All ages

Ever wonder what it would be like if it was raining food? Well come on down to the Downtown Library for a free screening of the animated blockbuster movie Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs in the 46th Star Forum if you want to find out. Runtime: 90 minutes.

#### **Excel Basics** Mar 16 | Tue | 6-7:30p All ages



This class is a basic overview of Excel. Learn what it does, how it's used, and some of the common features and functions of the program. The class meets in the Route 66 Computer Lab on the first floor of the Downtown Library. To sign up please call 606-3879.

#### St. Patrick's Day Crafternoon Mar 17 | Wed | 1-3p Elementary age

It's spring break and you've got nothing to do? Well don't just sit there, come on down to the library's St. Patrick's Day Crafternoon and make something green! Make a Leprechaun or shamrock craft and celebrate the luck of the Irish! Supplies will be provided. Call 213-8650, ext. 4 if you have any questions.

#### Coraline Mar 18 | Thur | 1-3p All ages

Please join us at the Downtown Library for a free screening of the animated movie Coraline in the 46th Star Forum. Based on the book by award winning author Neil Gaiman, Coraline tells the story of a little girl that moves into a new house and finds a door to another world. Runtime: 96 minutes.

#### **Preschool Storytime** Mar 19 | Fri | 10-10:50a **Ages 1-5**



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

#### **Children Reading to Dogs** Mar 20 | Sat | 3-4p Children who can read



Come read to a dog! Children can practice and improve their reading skills by reading to specially trained dogs and their owners who act as an uncritical, appreciative audience. They love a good dog story--borrow one of ours or bring your own. Dogs and their owners are trained and certified through Therapy Dogs International

#### Almost, Mr. Edison, Almost Mar 21 | Sun | 2-3p All ages



The great inventor himself speaks, revealing facts and fiction about the man some say invented the twentieth century with the incandescent lamp. Mr. Edison will take questions following his formal presentation. Ĉall 606-3835 for additional information.

#### Wednesday Night at the Movies: **Pray the Devil Back to Hell** Mar 24 | Wed | 6-8p Ages 13 and older

Join the Downtown Library for Wednesday Night at the Movies! Tonight's film will be "Pray the Devil Back to Hell" a true, gripping account of how brave and visionary women demanded peace for Liberia, a nation torn to shreds by a decades-old civil war. For their bravery and achievement Leymah Gbowee and her sisters-in-peacekeeping, the women Peace Activists of Liberia, were awarded the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award by the JFK Library. This film celebrates Women's History Month. Please call 606-3876 for more information.

#### **Music Play with Miss Ginger** Mar 26 | Fri | 10-10:50a Ages 2-5 w/adult

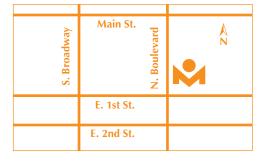


Enjoy songs, musical games and a story with Ginger Waldrip of Ginger's Kindermusik. Instruments will be provided for those who have registered by calling 231-8650, ext. 4.

#### A Woman's Guide to Money Matters Mar 30 | Tue | Noon-1p **Adults**

Bring your mother, sister, daughter, and friends to discuss preparing for and living in retirement and paying for a child's education expenses from a woman's point of view. Together we'll learn what you can do now to help address your financial goals and create a strategy for the future. Class meets on the fourth floor of the Downtown Library in Room C-D. Rick Johnson will be the instructor for this free program open to all. Call 232-3382 to pre-register by noon on Friday March 26 or to obtain more information. Co-sponsor: OKC Downtown College.

**Edmond Library** 



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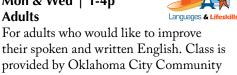
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#### **Preschool Story Time** Mar 1,8,15,22,29 | Mon 10-10:30a



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.

#### **Intermediate ESL** Mar 1,3,8,10,15,17,22,24,29,31 Mon & Wed | 1-4p



their spoken and written English. Class is provided by Oklahoma City Community College. Free. Register with instructor first day you attend. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Community College.

#### **Chess Club for Kids** Mar 1,15 | Mon | 3:30-5p Ages 8-13

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

#### **Beginning ESL** Mar 1,3,8,10,15,17,22,24,29,31 Mon & Wed | 5-8:30p Adults



For students who have not previously studied English, and who would like to begin at the beginning. Classes provided by Oklahoma City Community College. Register with the instructor on the first day you attend class.

#### **Lapsit: Playtime and Story Time** Mar 2,9,16,23 | Tue 9:30-10a and 10:15-10:45a & 11-11:30a Ages birth - 2 years

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

#### **GED**

#### Mar 2,4,9,11,16,18,23,25,30 Tue & Thur | 5:30-8:30p Age 16 and older



Review English, social studies, science, essay writing and math skills in preparation for the GED test. Materials are provided. Classes are open to students 16 years and older who are not currently enrolled in school. Register with the instructor on the first day you attend class.

#### **Edmond Chess Club for Teens** Mar 2,9,23,30 | Tue 6-7:30p Teens 13-17



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

#### Children Reading to Dogs Mar 2,16 | Tue 6:30-7:30p Children who can read



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

#### 55+ Coffee Break Mar 3,10,27,24,31 | Wed | 9-11a Seniors

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

#### Free Tax Help: AARP Mar 3,10,17,24,31 | Wed | 10a-3p Mar 4,11,18,25 | Thur | 10a-3p Mar 4,11,18,25 | Thur | 6-8:30p Adults

AARP trained volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2009 state and federal tax returns, on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am-3pm. And Thursday evenings 6pm-8:30pm. No appointments—first come, first served. E-filing only. Co-sponsor: AARP.

#### **Parachute Play** Mar 3 | Wed | 10:30-11a Ages 3-6 with parents



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

#### Computer Instruction with Eddie Mar 3,10,17,24,31 | 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.

#### Computer Instruction with Dave Mar 3,10,17,24,31 | Wed 7-8p Ages 18 & older



Free! Join Dave for individual computer

instruction. Every Wednesday, assistance is offered in increments of 30 minutes to an hour. Call (405) 341-9282 ext. 3 to register.

#### Floyd Cooper Author Visit Mar 4 | Thur | 9:30-10:30a All ages

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#### Stamp Club Mar 6,20 | Sat | 10a-Noon Grades 4 and higher

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

#### Advanced Farsi Mar 7,14,21,28 | Sun 1:30-2:30p Adults and Teens



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

#### Beginning Farsi Mar 7,14,21,28 | Sun 2:30-3:30p Adults and Teens



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

#### Teen Tech Month Gamefest Mar 8 | Mon | 3-4:30p Ages 12-17



Celebrate Teen Tech Week 2010 with the Edmond Library Game Fest. PS2 and WII games (up to T rating) plus an assortment of retro games just for the fun of it. Free program for young adults 12 to 17 years old. No pre-registration needed. Come and go as time allows!

#### Parent Talk Mar 10 | Wed | 1-5p Parents or guardians



Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development as well as any parenting questions you may have in the areas of speech, language, development and behavior. Children do not have to be present at the session. Call 425 4412 to Register. Facilitated by Robyn Sears. Co-Sponsor: OCCHD.

#### Edmond Manga & Anime Club Mar 11 | Thur | 4-5:30p 6-7:30p Teens 13-17



Edmond Teens meet to chat, discuss Anime and Manga trends, draw, view screen episodes and hang out. Free Club meets second Thursday of the month at 4pm.

#### Music With Susan Mar 12,26 | Fri | 10-10:30a and 10:40-11:10a Ages 2-3



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

#### Music With Susan Mar 12,26 | Fri 11:15-11:45a Ages 4-5



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

#### Reader's Choice Book Discussion Mar 13 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon Adults

The Reader's Choice book club meets the second Saturday of every month at the Edmond Library. The group consists of people who enjoy reading outstanding books, and discussing them. March's selection is *Water for Elephants* by Sarah Gruen. Contact the Edmond Library at 341-9282 at least two weeks before the meeting to reserve a copy.

#### Edmond Library Book Bunch Mar 13 | Sat | 2-3:30p Adults

The Book Bunch will discuss *The Nineteenth Wife* by David Ebershoff. Described as "sweeping and lyrical, spellbinding and unforgettable." A fictional story of polygamy based on real life events. Call the library at least two to three weeks before the discussion to reserve your copy, at 341-9282.

#### Secret Agent 23 Skidoo: Positive Hip Hop for Kids Mar 15 | Mon | 1-2p All ages



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National Endowment for the Arts.

#### Sustainable Edmond Mar 16 | Tue | 6:30-8p 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, emotionally, and socially. Sustainable Edmond promotes environmental stewardship through individual, commercial, and business participation.

#### Basic Computers Mar 20 | Sat | 2-3p Seniors



This is a free basic computer class geared toward Seniors who know little about the world of computing. Topics covered will be: Email, 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.

#### Winning Résumés—Winning Jobs Mar 23 | Tue | 2-4p Adults

Want to know how to create a professional resumé? Want to know how to make yourself a winning candidate? We will teach the essential tools you will need to assist in finding a job. Employment Manager Roy Ballou and leading recruiters from some of the top companies in Oklahoma City will lead these sessions.

#### Mealtime Hassles Mar 24 | Wed | 3:30-5p Parents or guardians



Mealtime is one of the most challenging areas of parenting. Most parents worry about insuring that their child is getting the nutrition he needs. Let's discuss this high stress issue and some techniques that will help. Call 425-4412 to Register. Facilitated by Robyn Sears. Cosponsor: OCCHD.

#### AARP Driver Safety Course Mar 27 | Sat | 9:30a-4p Adults

Attention ALL Drivers! If you want to learn how to be a better driver AND save money, sign-up for the AARP Driver Safety Course and become eligible for a discount on your monthly auto insurance premium. The State of Oklahoma authorizes a discount lasting 3 years for any licensed driver aged 16 and up who successfully complete a defensive driver's course. Space for the course is limited so please pre-register by signing up in the library or by calling 341-9282. Supply charge of \$12 for current AARP members and \$14 for nonmembers. Cash or check payable at the door. Co-sponsor: AARP.

#### **Lapsit: Playtime and Toddler Aerobics** Mar 30 | Tue | 9:30-10a

and 10:15-10:45a & 11-11:30a

#### Ages birth - 2 years

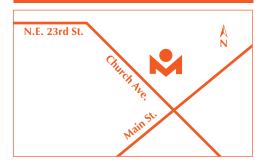
Enjoy a special time with your child at the library. We will have a playtime with the toys in the story time room. This is followed by a short session of aerobics, emphasizing movement to music.

#### Harrah Library

(405) 454-2001

#### **HOURS**

Sun: Closed



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#### Children Reading to Dogs Mar 12 | Fri | 9a-Noon All ages

Practice your reading skills by reading to Duke our friendly therapy dog. Call 454-2001 for information.



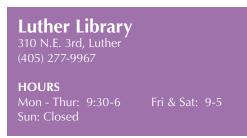
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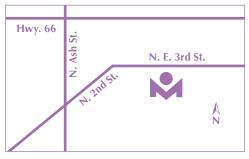
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#### **Quilting and Sewing** Mar 15 | Mon | 10a-4:30p Adults

Come and enjoy the fellowship and learn to

quilt and sew.

#### Midwest City Library

#### **HOURS**



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#### **Free Tutoring** Mar 1-31, Library Hours Students (Teens and Kids)

If you are a school-aged student and need tutoring, (tutee) or, are a teen who can provide tutoring (tutor), please contact the Information Desk at 405-732-4828. This program is ongoing during the school year.

#### **Job Readiness Class** Mar 1,22 | Mon | 4-5p

Looking for employment and need to update your resume? If so, please attend the Midwest City Library's Job Readiness Class. In addition to resume writing, participants learn interviewing skills and other techniques necessary for today's competitive job market. To attend, register at the Information Desk or call 732-4828. Co-sponsor: Rose College Job Placement.

#### Who's Line Is It Anyway? Mar 1,8,15,22,29 | Mon 5:30-7p Teens

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Get your IMPROV ON! No registration required.

**Knit Wit Program** Mar 2,9,16,23,30 | Tue | 10a-Noon All ages

Learn to knit or crochet, or strengthen your needle crafts. Class is free and all supplies provided by the library. No registration required.

#### ESL Mar 2,4,9,11,16,18,23,25,30 Tue & Thur | 5-8:30p



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

#### Parachute Play Mar 3 | Wed | 10:30-11a Ages 3-6 with parents



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

#### Weaving with Donna Hilton Mar 3 | Wed | 6-8p All ages

Learn how to weave with Donna Hilton. This four week class meets weekly begining Wednesday, March 3, 2010. All materials provided by the library. To attend, please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Space is limited.

#### Floyd Cooper Author Visit Mar 3 | Wed | 6:30-7:30p All ages

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#### Book Bug Club Mar 4 | Thur | 4-5p Grades 1-3

Join us in the Book Bug Club! We will have a snack, play a game and make a craft. We will be discussing *The Monkey with a Bright Blue Bottom* by Steve Smallman. You can pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk. Registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up

#### German for Beginners Mar 4,11 | Thur | 6-7p All ages



Interested in learning German? Every Thursday from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. the

Midwest City Library will offer free German classes. If interested, please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

#### Oklahoma Herpetological Society Mar 4,18 | Thur | 7-9p All ages

Join the Oklahoma City Herpetological Society for their regular meetings at the Library. All are welcome!

#### Saturday Morning Cartoons Mar 6 | Sat | 10a-Noon All ages



Join us for popcorn and an animated movie!

#### Alive @ 25 Mar 6 | Sat | 1-5p Teens



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

#### Healthy Choices, Healthy Kids Mar 8,15,22 | Mon 10:30-11:30a

Ages 2 and older w/parent



Join us at the library for fun activities and yummy snacks for the whole family. You'll have such a good time, you won't even realize that you are learning fitness and healthy living skills. To sign up call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk. Co-sponsor: Healthy Family Fun & Fitness Foundation.

#### Children Reading to Dogs Mar 9,23 | Tue 7-7:30p



#### Children who can read

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

Co-sponsor: Creatures & Kids.

#### Warm Season Veggies Mar 11 | Thur | 1:30-3p Adults

Learn how to plant Warm Season Vegetables with Ray Ridlen from OSU-OKC. Program is free. Space is limited. To attend contact the Information Desk or call 732-4828. Co-sponsor: OSU-OKC.

#### After School Movie Mar 11 | Thur | 4-6p All ages

Join us for popcorn and a movie!

#### Build Your Own Computer at the Library Mar 11 | Thur | 5:30-7p



To celebrate Teen Tech Week, the Midwest City Library will host a "Build Your Own Computer Program" for teens ages 13 - 19. Teens will learn how to refurbish computers and take the finished project home. Space is limited. To attend, please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828

#### Pajama Story Night Mar 11 | Thur | 7-7:30p Children of all ages



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

#### Spring Break Movies Mar 15-19 | Mon-Fri | 10a-Noon All ages

Join us for popcorn and a movie every morning the week of Spring Break.

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#### Midwest City Reader's Society Mar 16 | 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.

#### Bored Games Mar 17 | Wed | 2-4p Teens



Nothing planned for Spring Break? Come play BORED games at the Midwest City Library. For those that dare, you will be spanked (not literally:) by Ms. Suzette in Monopoly, Checkers, Uno, Sorry, Battleship and more. Come with your game face on and be ready to play!

# AAA Motor Vehicle Crash Prevention Course

Mar 20 | Sat | 9a-4p Adults

All licensed drivers are invited to participate in a certified AAA instructed class. A material fee of \$30.00 applies; AAA members will receive a discount. Please call 1-800-222-2582 to register. Co-sponsor: AAA Motor Vehicle.

## **Documentary Film: Grace Paley, Writer and Activist**

Mar 21 | Sun | 3-4:30p All ages

The Midwest City Library has been selected to host a pre-release viewing of a documentary about short story writer, poet, and social activist Grace Paley, which has just been completed by award-winning filmmaker Sonya Friedman. The documentary film will be followed by readings of Ms. Paley's work and general discussion. The event is free and open to the public.

#### The Weavers Guild of Oklahoma City Mar 27 | Sat | 10a-Noon Adults

The Weavers Guild of Oklahoma City invite you to participate in our March 2010 program. This month's topic - "A Little Bling for St. Cuthbert's Cuffs" (use of card weaving for vestments) presented by Bobby Anderson. For more information, call 405-260-2095.

Chess Club Mar 27 | Sat | 11:30a-1p All ages

Enjoy playing chess.

#### Why Does My Pet Do That? Mar 27 | Sat | 2-3p Teens



Ever wonder why your pet does what it does? It may have some very primitive origins. A parrot flees to the other side of the cage when a person puts his face up close to the bars. Why? We see it as a way to calm the bird, but he sees a predator. Let's explore the wild in our pets...Register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

#### Yu-Gi-Oh! Card Tournament Mar 27 | Sat | 2-4:30p Teens



Tournament for teens.

#### Say Yea! — Teen Writing Workshop Mar 28 | Sun | 3-5p Teens ages 10-16



Teens, have you ever wanted to have your creative writings published? If so, come join us at our writing workshop! You will meet and work with teen authors, Natasha Bradley and Jasmine Bradley. All attendees will have the chance to have their poetry and short stories published! For registration, please visit the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Co-sponsor: On the Ball Publishing.

# Toddler Aerobics Mar 29 | Mon | 10-10:30a Ages 2-5 with parent



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

#### Tuning in to Temperament Mar 30 | Tue | 6-7:30p For parents & caregivers of young children



This workshop will explore three temperament styles - flexible, spirited, and cautious. Learn how these differences play an important role as infants and young children related to their world and how you can adjust your parenting styles to accommodate your child's temperament. Register by calling 425-4412. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

#### Nicoma Park Library 2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park

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



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#### Children Reading to Dogs Mar 11,18 | Thur 3:30-4:30p Ages 4 and older



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

#### International Women's Aglow of Choctaw Mar 13 | Sat | 9:40a-Noon Adults

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

#### Ralph Ellison Library 2000 N.E. 23rd, OKC

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

**HOURS** 

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

Sat: 9-5 Sun: Closed

Martin Luther King Blvd.

N. Bryant St.

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#### Book Trailer Contest Mar 1-May 30 Ages 10-18



Do you like books? What about YouTube videos? Why not combine the two and win \$100 to boot? You could do just that in Ralph Ellison Library's contest. So, what is a book trailer anyway? A book trailer is kind of like a movie trailer, except it promotes a book instead of a film. You must live in Oklahoma and be between the ages of 10-18 to enter. All entries must be posted by May 30, 2010. Call the library for complete contest rules (405) 424-1437.

#### Family Place: 1-2-3 Play With Me Mar 1,8,15,22 | Mon 10-11a

#### Infants to age 4 w/parent

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

#### Gaming Dayz Mar 1,15 | Mon | 3-4:30p Teens



Bored? Come to the library and play some super awesome board games! Challenge your friends to a game of Jenga, Monopoly, Twister and so much more.

#### Teen Advisory Board Mar 3 | Wed | 4-5p Teens



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

#### Toastmasters Mar 3,10,17,24,31 | Wed | 6-7p Adults

Toastmasters International provides a way to practice & hone the communication & leadership skills of it members.

#### Anime/Manga/Gaming Club Mar 4,18 | Thur | 3-4:30p Teens



Do you like to watch anime, play video games or talk about manga? Come to the Anime/ Manga/Gaming Club for all that plus food and role playing games. Movies and games may be rated T for Teen or contain material appropriate for ages 14 and up.

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#### Teen Tech Gaming Day Mar 8 | Mon | 5-7p Teens



Come and celebrate Teen Tech Month at the library at our awesome gaming day!!! Challenge your friends at Guitar Hero and more. Best of all? It's free!

#### Preschool Story Time Mar 9,23 | Tue | 10-10:30a Ages 3-5



For all children ages 3-5, join us for story time. There will be songs, fingerplays, puppets, occasional crafts and special stories. Please preregister, or call 414-1437.

#### Teen Crafts Mar 9 | Tue | 5-7p Teens



Do you want to make awesome crafts for free? Example crafts include Mardi Gras masks, origami and decorate-your-own flip flops.

#### Guitar Hero Tournament Mar 13 | Sat | 3:30-5p Teens



Enter our Guitar Hero tournament for a chance to win amazing prizes, like a \$100 gift card and more! Call the library to sign up. Better hurry, slots will fill up fast!

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#### **Southern Oaks Library**

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

#### **HOURS**

Mon-Thur: 9-9

Sat: 9-5 Sun: 1-6



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#### Preschool Story Time Mar 1,8,15,22,29 | Mon 10:30-11:10a Children ages 2-6 with parent/caregiver



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

#### GED Mar 1,3,8,10,22,24,29 Mon & Wed | 3-6p Age 16 & older



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

#### Homework Help Mar 2,9 | Tue | 4-6p Grades 1-5

High school and college students will be available to answer questions or read with young people. Call 631-4468 to pre-register.

#### Free Tax Help: AARP Mar 3,10,17,24 | Wed | 9a-2:30p Mar 4,11,18,25 | Thur | 9a-2:30p

AARP trained volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2009 state and federal tax returns, on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9am-2:30pm. No appointments - first come, first served. E-filing only. Co-sponsor: AARP.

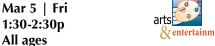
#### Book Adventure: Kids' Book Club Mar 4 | Thur | 4:30-5:30p **Ages 6-9**

Come be a part of our March Madness as we celebrate Dav Pilkey's work by participating in our monthly kids' book club. Meet with kids your age to discuss a great book. We will have a snack, and make a craft or play a game. We will be discussing the book, Dumb Bunnies Go to the Zoo. Some copies of the book are available at the Information Desk. Please read the book before attending the program. Sign up is required. Call 631-4468 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

#### **Score Small Business Counseling** Mar 5,19 | Fri | 10a-1p **Adults**

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

#### Floyd Cooper Author Visit Mar 5 | Fri 1:30-2:30p



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#### **Parent Talk** Mar 5 | Fri | 2-4p For parents and caregivers of young children



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

Children do not have to be present at the session. Call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to sign up. Co-sponsor: Child Guidance.

#### **Southern Oaks Book Club** Mar 9 | Tue | 11:30a-12:30p **Adults**

If you enjoy reading and discussing books, come to the Southern Oaks Library the second Tuesday of each month for our book club. New members are always welcome. Call 631-4468 to reserve your copy of the current book selection.

#### **Anime Club** Mar 10 | Wed | 6:30-8:30p TeenS Teens 14 and older



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

#### **FanFiction & FanArt Final Entry** Mar 15 | Mon | 9a-9p All ages



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

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#### **Resumé Tips and Tricks** Mar 16 | Tue | 3:30-5p Teens and adults

Learn about job finding resources and how to tweak your resumé into a job winner.

**Metropolitan Library Commission** of Oklahoma County Mar 18 | Thur | 3:30-5p Southern Oaks Library

6900 S. Walker Oklahoma City, OK 73139 405.632.4468 The public is welcome to attend.

#### Family Night: A Book & A Craft Mar 18 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p Kids ages 7-12 & their families



Join us for a book & a craft. We will read a book together and then make a craft that relates to the story. We will be reading a book by Dav Pilkey as part of our Month of Madness and Dav Pilkey Fun. Sign-up is required. Call 631-4468 or visit the Information Desk to sign up

#### **FanFiction & FanArt Contest Party** Mar 20 | Sat | 1:30-4p All ages

Here!! Come see the fan art entries and learn about the winning fan fiction. All entries must be submitted by Monday, March 15, at 9:00pm. Winners will be announced Saturday, March 20, at 2:00pm at Southern Oaks Library. Participants must be present to win. Call John Hilbert at 631-4468 for more information. Food & prizes. Co-sponsor: Scarlet Kitsune Anime Club.

#### Almost, Mr. Edison, Almost Mar 23 | Tue | 2-3p All ages



The great inventor himself speaks, revealing facts and fiction about the man some say invented the twentieth century with the incandescent lamp. Mr. Edison will take questions following his formal presentation. Call 606-3835 for additional information.

#### **GPS Treasure Hunt** Mar 25 | Thur | 4:30-7:30p TeenS Ages 12 and older



Learn about global positioning technology and geocaching as you follow clues to hidden letterboxes outside the library.

#### **Baby Signs** Mar 26 | Fri | 10:30-11:30a Parents of children 9-22 months



Baby Sign teaches communication before babies are able to use words. This fun and interactive signing class teaches how to include signs naturally while interacting with your child through daily routines and play. Learn and practice approximately 50 signs. Call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to register for the free workshop. Co-sponsor: OCCHD

#### Captain Underpants' Party Mar 27 | Sat | 2:30-3:30p Kids ages 7-12 & their families



Calling all Captain Underpants Fans! As part

of our month of madness and Dav Pilkey Fun, we will play silly games, make unusual crafts, and have gross snacks. The Mighty Superhero wants you to be a part of this ridiculously fun party celebrating all that is pre-shrunk and cottony. Sign-up is required. Call 631-4468 or visit the Information Desk at the library to sign up.

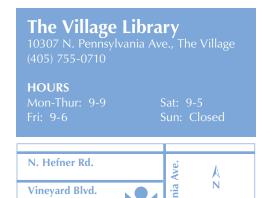
#### Teen Book Club Mar 28 | Sun | 2-4p Ages 12 and older



Teen book club. Contact John at 631-4468 for titles and more information.

#### Winning Résumés - Winning Jobs Mar 30 | Tue | 2-4p Adults

Want to know how to create a professional resumé? Want to know how to make yourself a winning candidate? We will teach the essential tools you will need to assist in finding a job. Employment Manager Roy Ballou and leading recruiters from some of the top companies in Oklahoma City will lead these sessions.



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N. Britton Rd.

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#### Introduction to Microsoft Excel Mar 1,8,22,29 | 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. Scheduled in 30 minute to one hour sessions per individual.

Come in or call to reserve your instruction time. Village Library (405) 755-0710.

#### AARP Free Tax Help Mar 2,9,16,23,30 | Tue | 10a-3p Mar 3,10,17,24,31 | Wed | 10a-3p Mar 6,13,20,27 | Sat | 10a-3p Adults

AARP volunteers help people do their taxes with electronic filing 10 am - 3 pm. First come, first served. Co-sponsor: AARP.

#### Let's Be Friends Mar 2 | Tue | 6-7:30p For parents and caregivers of young children



Children's play develops through different stages from solitary to cooperative play. We will talk about these stages and methods to teach social skills and problem solving during play. We will also focus on teaching children how to recognize, label, and appropriately handle emotions. Facilitated by Sarita Naegeli. Please call 425-4412 to pre-register. Cosponsor: OCCHD.

#### Healthy Life Styles Mar 2,9,16,23,30 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p Adults

Free weight loss and diabetes prevention classes—participants will learn how to prevent or delay the onset of diabetes. Also, participants will be encouraged to lose 5% of their body weight and become active at least 2 1/2 hours per week. Register when you come to the class. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

#### Children Reading to Dogs Mar 3,10,17,24,31 | Wed 6:15-7p Mar 4,11,18,25 | 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.

#### Music With Susan Mar 4,11,25 | Thur 10-10:30a Ages 2-6



Join Susan for musical fun and activities. Preregistration is required. Please call 755-0710 or stop by the Information Desk.

#### Book Discussion Group Mar 15 | Mon | 3-4p Adults

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

#### Something Interesting for Teens Mar 18 | Thur | 4-5p

**Teens** 



Friends. Food. Fun. Anime. Games. Crafts. New activity every month! Register at the Information/Reference Desk or call 405-755-0710 for more information.

#### Computer Basics for Adults Mar 18 | Thur | 6:30-8p Adults



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

#### Secret Agent 23 Skidoo: Positive Hip Hop for Kids Mar 19 | Fri 10:30-11:30a All ages

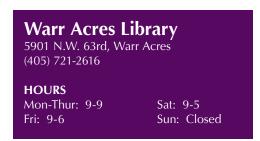


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#### Knitty Committee Mar 27 | Sat | 10-11a Adults

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







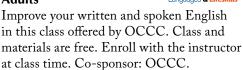
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#### **Tax Assistance** Mar 1,8,15,22,29 | Mon | 9a-2p Mar 5,12,19,26 | Fri | 9a-2p **Adults**

Mondays and Fridays AARP will offer tax assistance to members of the community who need help in preparing their 2009 taxes. Help is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Simple forms only. Electronic filing available.

#### **English as a Second Language** Mar 1,3,8,10,22,24,29,31 Mon & Wed | 5:30-8p



#### **Warr Acres Book Club** Mar 8 | Mon | 11a-Noon Adults

The Warr Acres Library Book Club meets the second Monday of each month. We will discuss Where Do I Go? by Neta Jackson.

#### **Storytime for Preschoolers** Mar 9,23 | 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.

#### **Learning Two Languages** Workshop Mar 9 | Tue | 3:30-5p

Adults



Many children are growing up in homes where two languages are spoken. Developing skills in two languages depends on the quality and amount of experience the child has hearing and using those languages. Join us during this workshop to find out what to expect from a child who is "Learning Two Languages". Call 425-4412 to register. Free. No child care.

#### **Playtime for Babies and Tots** Mar 10,17,24,31 | Wed 9:15-10:30a and 10:30-11:15a 8 to 30 months old w/adult



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

#### **Children Reading to Dogs** Mar 11 | Thur 6:30-7:30p Ages 6 and older



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

#### **Warr Acres Coffee Break** Mar 15 | Mon | 9:30-10:30a

Coffee Break meets the second Monday of each month at 9:30. Join us for light refreshments and conversation.

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#### Game Night Mar 18 | Thur | 6:30-8p Ages 12-18



Come join us for Rock Band, Super Smash

Brothers and more! Snacks will be served. Call to register: 721-2616.

#### Kids' Saturday Games Mar 20 | Sat | 10:30-11:30a Ages 8-11

Spring break is a time for fun! Join us for games in our meeting room. Sign up today.

#### **Toileting Triumph** Mar 23 | Tue | 3:30-5p Adults



Come and discuss ways to make this important milestone easier and less stressful for you and your child. We will talk about signs of toilet readiness, how to help your child be successful and what to do when accidents happen. Call 425-4412 to enroll in this workshop. Parents, teachers and childcare providers are always invited to attend. Workshops have been approved for childcare licensing and STARS credit.

#### Take My Picture! Mar 27 | Sat | 2-3:30p Ages 12-18



Photo scavenger hunt, pose with a life-sized President Obama! Call to register 721-2616.

#### **Pajama Story Time** Mar 30 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p Ages 2 1/2 - 5



Hop to the library for bunny stories with Miss Alma and her puppets. Nutritional snacks for everyone. Please pre-register.

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# The Metropolitan Library System Presents Coretta Scott King Award Winning Author and Illustrator

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Wed., March 3, Midwest City Library 143 E. Reno at 6:30pm

Thur., March 4, Edmond Library 10 S. Boulevard at 9:30am

Thur., March 4, Ralph Ellison Library 2000 NE 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm

Fri., March 5, Southern Oaks Library 6900 S. Walker at 1:30pm

All presentations are free but seating is limited. Doors open 15 minutes before each program.

Questions? Call 606-3837, or check our webpage at www.metrolibrary.org

Program sponsored by the Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.





# Learn Create Share

Free Programs for Teens!



# MARCH IS:

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#### **Book Trailer Contest: Ralph Ellison Library**

2000 NE 23rd (424-1437) - March 1-May 30

Do you like books? What about YouTube videos? Why not combine the two and win \$100.00 to boot? You could do just that in Ralph Ellison Library's book trailer contest. A book trailer is kind of like a movie trailer, except it promotes a book instead of a film.

#### **Video Games:**

March 8, 3-4:30pm - Edmond Library 10 S. Boulevard (341-9282)

March 8, 5-7pm - Ralph Ellison Library 2000 NÉ 23<sup>rd</sup> (424-1437)

March 11, 5-7pm - Choctaw Library 2525 Muzzy Street (390-8418)

March 13, 2:00-4pm - Capitol Hill 334 SW 26th (634-6308)

March 18, 6:30-8pm - Warr Acres Library 5901 NW 63rd (721-2616)

#### **Build Your Own Computer:**

Midwest City Library, 8143 E. Reno (732-4828) March 11, 5:30-7pm

#### **Guitar Hero Tournament:**

**Ralph Ellison Library**, 2000 NE 23<sup>rd</sup> (424-1437) March 13, 3:30-5pm

#### **Resume Tips and Tricks:**

Southern Oaks Library, 6900 S. Walker (631-4468) March 16, 3:30-5pm

#### **Digital Storytelling with Flip Video:**

**Del City Library**, 4509 SE 15th (672-1377) March 18, 6:30-7:30pm - March 25, 6-8pm

#### **GPS Treasure Hunt:**

Southern Oaks Library, 6900 S. Walker (631-4468) March 25, 4:30-7:30pm

#### **Take My Picture!**

Warr Acres Library, 5901 NW 63rd (721-2616) March 27, 2-3:30pm







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## Off the Beaten Path

## ... Discovering New Literary Treasures

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

The Book of Basketball: The NBA According to the Sports Guy. 796.32365/S15922b

March = March Madness = Basketball. And if you don't know anything about the game but would like to learn everything there is to know before March Madness begins, this huge volume overseen by ESPN's "Sports Guy" Bill Simmons, is the perfect place to start.

Mark, Stewart. *The Oklahoma City Thunder*. J796.32364/ST8511o/TWEEN

But if you prefer to keep your basketball knowledge a little simpler, this short book for kids will turn you into a fan of Oklahoma City's NBA team. Thunder Up with the home town boys.



# We're here to serve you.

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

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*JONES 111 E. Main, Jones, 399-5471	_	9:30-5:30	_	9:30-5:30	_	1-5	
*LUTHER 310 N.E. 3rd, Luther, 277-9967	9:30-6	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	

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