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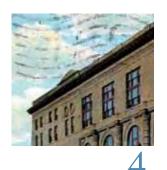
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From music in Africa to books on your iPhone, the March issue of info has a lot to tell you about. Our job, and our pleasure, is to keep you in the loop as to what's going on at your neighborhood library, and throughout the Metropolitan Library System.

Of course, we can't highlight everything that goes on around here, but we do want to remind you that our libraries, working once again with AARP-trained volunteers and tax experts, are offering help with basic income tax forms. Meetings with the advisors are on a first-come first-served basis, and are always free. Thumb through the Monthly Calendar of Events in this issue to find out when and where tax preparation assistance can be located.

And remember that the first day of Spring is March 20. After the programs at your MLS library, that may be the most anticipated event of the month!

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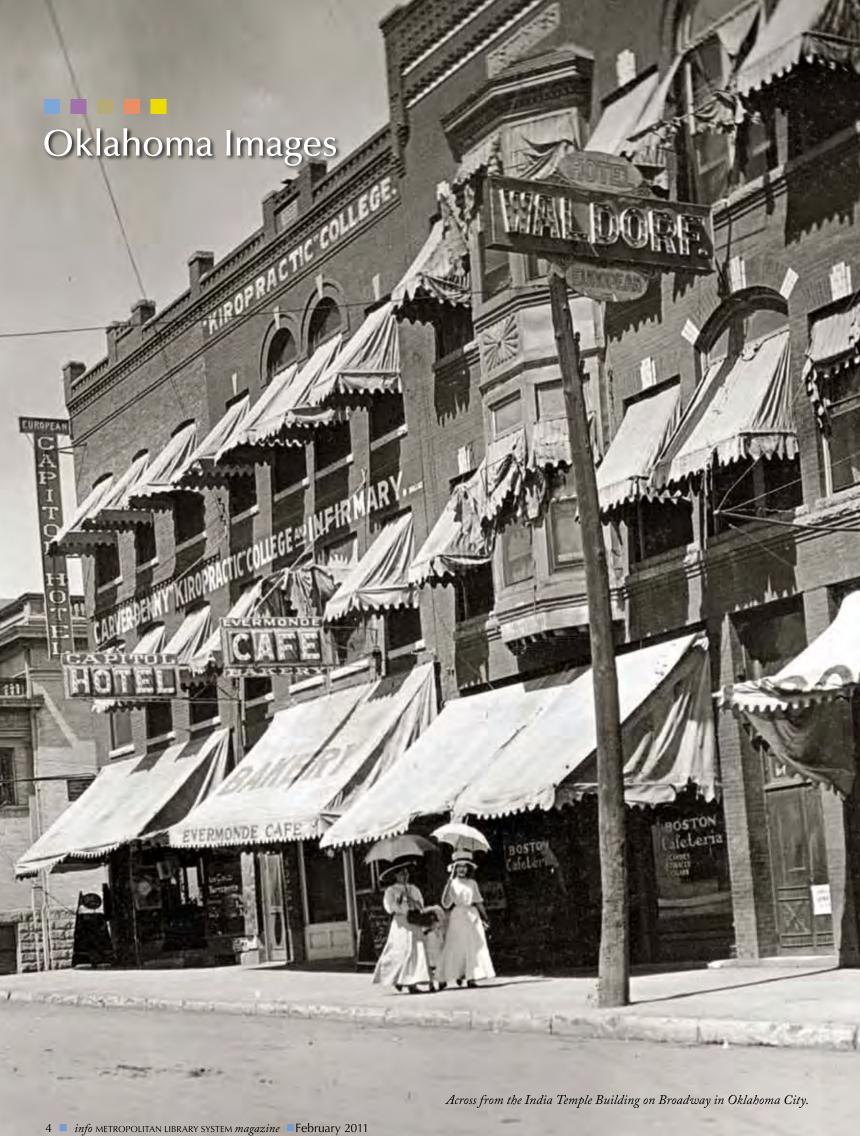
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A Death of Stone & Mortar

by Larry Johnson

"I've seen things you *people* wouldn't believe... all those moments will be lost in time... like tears in the rain. Time to die."

These final words, uttered by Rutger Hauer's Roy Batty in the superb film Blade Runner, came to mind recently as I pondered the passing of Downtown's oldest resident. In the film, Batty is an android whose experiences during his life of service to humans has made him a sentient being; something his creators

had not intended nor ever expected possible. Despite frantic attempts at self-preservation, he accepts the fact that his life span has run out, his battery set to expire. As his critical systems begin to shut down he laments the fantastic things he has witnessed and mourns their passing.

Last month the former India Temple Building at the corner of Kerr and Broadway was razed (or

at least scheduled to be at this writing). I had no emotional attachment to the building. In fact, it had been repurposed so much over the years it was practically invisible to anyone not consciously looking for it. Since it was unable to speak for itself, some folks thrashed about to save it, but big plans were afoot for its little acreage and it was time for it to die; that's all there was to it. Historically and architecturally, the building was found wanting and not worth saving.

But that son-of-a-gun was 109 years old! I imagined what sorts of things would flash through its mind if it were capable of Batty-like self-reflection. Oklahoma City was thirteen years old when the India Temple was built in 1902; a city of 11,000 souls. The streets below were just rutted dirt tracks when its cornerstone was laid, soon to be paved over and cleft by the rails of electric streetcars. Because Broadway was the main parade

route, generations of Oklahoma Cityans passed beneath its windows. Spanish-American War veterans, Doughboys, and GIs marched by. Presidential motorcades rolled past. And the flotsam-laden jalopies of the Okies.

Over the years those plucky bricks had proven to be quite resilient. Floors were added to it when the name was changed to the Continental Building. In the late 1930s it was refurbished

> by John H. Wright (for whom the Wright Library is named) and bore his name until it became part of the Kerr-McGee campus in the 1950s. In the 1960s it was updated internally and dressed in a new exterior to match the neighboring buildings. I wondered if maybe this hadn't made the old building feel a little smug as it watched many of the buildings from its youth demolished and razed during

the Urban Renewal era of the 1970s. And I wonder if hadn't

felt invincible when younger neighboring buildings had been damaged on April 19, 1995.

Ultimately, I suspect that old building blushed at the fuss made over it and calmly accepted its fate. In response to our questions about longevity and how it had lived so long, it probably would have shrugged, leaned back on its girders and paraphrased the great railwayman Carl Stein, "In all I put in about 109 years of steady pull."

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



reviewed by Marilyn Backus

Room

by Emma Donoghue

escape plans, now more critical to their survival than ever before. Jack rejects Plan A. They will go with Plan B. But Jack balks. He doesn't want to

leave the only world he has ever known.

The room measures 11 feet square. It is Jack's entire world. Incredibly, he is an adorable, happy, well-adjusted boy anyway, until he is devastated by his mother's claim that there is a world outside their

This reviewer didn't read the book, but listened to the award-winning audio version of the best-seller with a cast of readers. Michal Friedman is entirely convincing as Jack, the 5-year-old narrator of this unforgettable story.

She just couldn't tell him before. How could she? But now that he has turned 5, it was time he knew. More importantly, she knows their time is running out. Old Nick, her kidnapper, in one of his recent visits to her bed, has let slip that he lost his job months ago. She connects the dots that lead her to the inescapable conclusion that, should Old Nick's house be repossessed, she and Jack will never be found alive.

This title is also available as an OverDrive WMA Audiobook and in print.

Jack had always thought that their daily rituals were games, but some of the games his mother played with him were attempts to escape the room. Now that he is old enough, she includes him in her Marilyn Backus has worked for the Metropolitan Library System for over 20 years. She currently works in the Materials Selection department and selects many of the great non-fiction titles and features films that you can check out at the library.



The Sherlockian by Graham Moore

dead under suspicious circumstances.

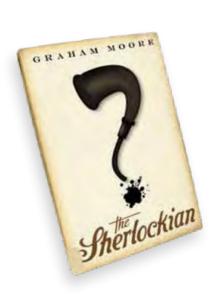
Inspired by true life events, Moore has written a parallel-story page turner set both in 1900 and in 2010 featuring events in the lives of Sherlock Holmes' creator Arthur Conan Doyle and members of the modern day fan clubs, or The Sherlockians.

Anyone who enjoyed reading Dan Brown's The Da Vinci Code or stories that take place in two different time periods will enjoy reading Moore's The Sherlockian as the characters chase after leads which all come together in the final chapters. It is also a refreshing change to read about Sherlock Holmes through the eyes of his creator.

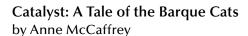
Conan Doyle is annoyed that people care more about the death of Sherlock Holmes at Reichenbach Falls than about the life of his creator. Refusing to write any more stories about Holmes in spite of public protest, he offers his services to Scotland Yard and gets involved in a murder case the events of which he details in a diary. One hundred years later, the Sherlockians are still looking for Conan Doyle's diary and one of them is found

This title is also available as an OverDrive WMA AudioBook.

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.







Fans of Anne McCaffrey's Dragonriders of Pern series will not be surprised that she has created a world in which some of the most important people are cats. These cats safeguard the starships that travel the galaxies by keeping down vermin, detecting oxygen leaks, and patrolling those areas too small for the human crew members. Each ship employs a cat person whose responsibility it is to train and care for these very important felines.

Corrupt government officials devise an evil plot to quarantine and destroy animals, even ship cats, because of a purported contagion from the residue of some iridescent blue beetles that have recently been found in the animals' body fluids and wastes. This mass killing would disrupt economies and

reviewed by Phyllis Davidson

compromise the livelihoods of farms and space companies. It is up to a kitten and a mysterious ancient Egyptian cat named Pshaw-Ra to thwart these sinister plans and spread a different kind of contagion throughout the galaxies. There are human interactions in the story, but for the most part, the cats rule in this light space fantasy.

This title also available as a compact disc sound recording, a downloadable audio file, and an OverDrive WMA Audiobook.

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.



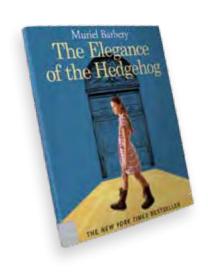
The Elegance of The Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery

How did you choose your last book? I chose this one because I won it in a white elephant, dirty Santa gift exchange. It appeared to be "chick lit", rather than the he-man stuff I usually read (Ahem...). Nevertheless, it was mine, and I determined to obtain my due enjoyment of the gift (my accounting personality guiding me, as always). I'm glad I gave it a chance.

The level of writing is outstanding. I kept my dictionary handy, because this is not high-school level of writing. The book is all about beauty and the arts, and the intelligent and introspective people who appreciate them. The main character, Madame Michel, a 54-year-old widow, poor by birth, but a secret autodidact (look it up--I did) is not exactly a heroine. In fact, even while enjoying reviewed by Lloyd Lovely

the book, I wondered if I cared about her all that much. Not that she is unlikeable, it's just that she is so adamantly reclusive that I can't find myself reaching out to her, and in that regard, I am much the same as the wealthy tenants in the exclusive condominium she manages. During the course of her 28th nondescript year as concierge, her inner beauty is finally recognized. It's a quiet story, not suspenseful or action-oriented, just wonderful to read: a purposeful story of three people who find life sublime.

Lloyd Lovely is the MLS Deputy Executive Director for Finance and Support, which makes him feel important. Please don't tell him the truth.

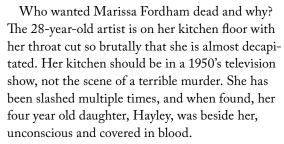


Reviews & Recommendations



Secrets to the Grave by Tami Hoag

reviewed by Ruby Soutiere



Hayley wakes up in the hospital screaming, unable to remember what happened. Anne Leone becomes her advocate and Anne's new husband Vince, formerly with the FBI, consults with the Sheriff's Department to find Marissa's killer. There are plenty of suspects to look at, from a cheating husband, to a closeted gay man, to a disturbed neighbor with obsessive compulsions.

Many things common in current law enforcement procedures were very new in 1986, when this murder happened. DNA evidence had yet to be used in a court of law to convict a killer, and court appointed advocates for children existed, but were rare.

This is Hoag's second book to take place in Oak Knoll, a community north and west of Los Angeles. The events in this book take place about a year after the first book Deeper Than the Dead and features many of the same characters. As always, Hoag gives readers suspense mixed with a little romance and likeable but damaged characters to root for.

This title is also available in large print and as a Spoken Work Compact Disc.

Ruby Soutiere has the best job ever, selecting the adult fiction for the Metropolitan Library System. If you are quick, you might see her, in her free time, zipping around the city in a white roadster, red curls flying.

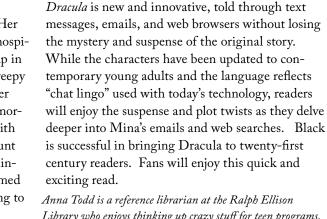


iDrakula by Bekka Black

reviewed by Anna Todd

Check out the latest trend in Young Adult Lit... The Cell Phone Novel.

Mina Murray is more than a little worried. Her friend Renfield was just carted off to a mental hospital. Her boyfriend Jonathan is on a business trip in Romania helping a strangely pale Count in a creepy castle with his move to New York. And now her best friend Lucy is acting a little stranger than normal. When Jonathan returns from Romania with a rare blood disorder and ranting about the Count and the undead, things go from odd to unexplainable! Together with Lucy's new boyfriend, premed student Abe Van Helsing, Mina plans on getting to the bottom of these mysterious happenings.



Anna Todd is a reference librarian at the Ralph Ellison Library who enjoys thinking up crazy stuff for teen programs.

Black's modern retelling of the classic horror story



Rhythms of West Africa Come to Central Oklahoma

The traditional home of the Mande People is West Africa. The temporary home of the Manding Jata Trio March 13-18 is your Metropolitan Library System.

he Trio is made up of musicians from the "jali" class of musical historians. Their ancestors have maintained this role in Malian society for over 800 years. Their music is authentic and historically accurate.



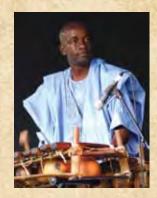
If that makes it sound dull and academic. it isn't. "It's an extraordinary sound," said MLS Director of Outreach Services Dana

Morrow, "fascinating and exciting.:

Djeli Baila Kouyate plays the balafon, a West African relative of the xylophone. It's a wooden keyed percussion instrument that is played by striking the tuned keys with two

wooden sticks. Djeli Amadou Kouyate plays the kora, which is made from a large calabash that is halved and covered by





cow hide. It has a notched bridge, like a lute, and can sound like a harp or even a flamenco guitar. The final member of

the trio is vocalist Djeli Muso Ajaratou, whose voice was described by the "New York Times" as "glinting, with a tough earth mother delivery."

"The performances will feature classic'jailya' repertoire," Morrow said, "with pristine kora selections and incendiary drum pieces uniquely arranged with soaring female vocal. This is like nothing we've ever brought to the libraries before. It's a unique cultural experience for everyone."

See the schedule on this page for Manding Jata Trip performances at MLS libraries between March 13 and March 18, 2011. All performances are free and open to the public, but space is limited so plan to arrive a little early. For more information call 405-606-3833.

Sunday, March 13, 2pm: **Downtown Library**

Monday, March 14, 1pm: **Edmond Library**

Monday, March 14, 7pm: Midwest City Library

Tuesday, March 15, 1pm: Ralph Ellison Library

Tuesday, March 15, 7pm: **Bethany Library**

Wednesday, March 16, 10am: **Choctaw Library**

Wednesday, March 16, 2pm: Warr Acres Library

Thursday, March 17, 1pm: Capitol Hill Library

Thursday, March 17, 7pm: Belle Isle Library

Friday, March 18, 10am: The Village Library

Friday, March 18, 2pm: Southern Oaks Library

A Brave New World of eBooks For Everyone



At no time in the foreseeable future will public libraries cease to have books on their shelves even though reading devices that don't have paper pages are proliferating faster than your neighbor's cat. The online bookseller Amazon.com reported that by July, 2010, they were selling 18 eBooks for every 10 hardbacks.



he eBook revolution began in 1971 when Project Gutenberg began making digitalized versions of books in the public domain (out of copyright) available on its website. By 2010, a Public Library Funding and Technology Access Study found that 66 percent of public libraries in the U.S. were offering eBooks

And that includes your Metropolitan Library System. Visit our website, www.metrolibrary.org, and click on eMedia on the left side of the page. Now it's easy to browse our eBook catalogue.

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The eReaders you can use for our eBooks include the ones made by SONY, iPads, Nooks and iPhones—but not the Amazon.com Kindle, which does not use the Adobe Digital Edition software for ePub. The Adobe Digital Edition software is available for free online and is simple to download. Each of the devices we support has a slightly different way to download eBooks. For help beginning your eBook adventure, there's a section called "Getting Started" on our eMedia page. Check out the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) for help with a specific problem, and if the answer you need is not there send an email to our Webmaster. She can send you a form soliciting more information about your problem.

"Currently we have 2,795 titles in our catalogue," said MLS Director of Information Technology Anne Fischer, "and to prove how popular this service has become already, only two of those titles are instantly available. If you want any of the other 2,793 you'll have to put them on reserve. This is because the publishers insist that we own one copy for every copy that gets checked out, so it's still a one-to-one arrangement, just as with a standard print book."

Fischer also pointed out that although the library is still free, you'll need a computer to download eBooks. "A lot of people seem to think all they need is the eReader device and they can just snatch books out of the air."

Questions? Ask a librarian and prepare to enter a brave new world.

A New Literary Genre

Dana Goodyear, writing in "The New Yorker", calls the cell phone novel, or keitai shosetsu, "the first literary genre to emerge from the cellular age." In 2006, Mone, a young woman in Japan, began tapping a story based on her life experiences into her mobile phone and posting the text to a media-sharing site. By the end of the third chapter, readers were writing to her begging her to keep the story going.

Since then, the cell phone novel has conquered the world. Its beauty is that it is unedited and comes to the reader directly and stylistically naïve--but those same characteristics can also be annoying to readers who value a literate style over spontaneity.

Chapters can be as short as 100 words, but the full novel can be as long as the author wishes. Many of them have gone on to standard publication, selling hundreds of thousands of copies.

The primary website for the original Japanese cell phone novels is maho i-land. It contains over a millions books, but there is no English translation.

Perhaps teens like these books so much because old folks (you know, over 20) so readily dismiss them.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Belle Isle Library (405) 843-9601 **HOURS**



Tax Help by AARP Volunteers Mar 1,8,15,22,29 | Tue | 9a-1p Mar 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed | 9a-1p Mar 5,12,19,26 | Sat | 9a-Noon All ages

AARP trained volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2010 state and federal tax returns. No appointments - first come, first served. E- filing only. Cosponsor: AARP.

English Classes: Learn English as a Second Language

Mar 1,3,8,10,22,24,29,31 Tue and Thur | 9:30a-12:30p



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

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss Mar 2 | Wed | 10-11a Pre-kindergarten



Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. Listen to Seuss's books and enjoy a cupcake to celebrate this famous author's birthday. Pre-registration begins Feb. 15th. Call 843-9601.

Child Guidance Screenings Mar 2 | Wed | Noon-5 Ages birth to 5 years w/guardian



Child Guidance is offering developmental and speech/language screenings at Belle Isle Library. These are available for children birth to 5 years of age. A developmental screening is a very general look at how children are doing compared to other children the same age. Any questions or concerns you have will be discussed. Information about upcoming stages of development and home activities to enhance development will be provided. Appointments are approximately one hour long and will include a small fee. Call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to schedule an appointment. The child must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Cosponsor: Child Guidance Services, OK City-County Health Dept.

GED @ Belle Isle Library Mar 4,11,25 | Fri 9:30a-12:30p Age 16 and older



Attend free GED classes on Friday at the Belle Isle Library. Review English, social studies, science and math skills in preparation for the GED test. Materials are provided. Attend the class to enroll. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City Public Schools Adult Learning Center.

Piano Concert: Stay Young with Mozart Mar 6 | Sun | 2-3p

All ages



Piano Concert: Stay Young with Mozart Music can have a big impact on how we feel. It can cheer us up! Join Wayne McEvilly, noted concert pianist, as he performs Mozart sonatas. This will be an uplifting program for all ages.

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Children Reading to Dogs Mar 7,14,21,28 | Mon 6-7:30



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

Build Your Own Business Mar 15 | Tue | 6:30-8p **Adults**

Explore the options of starting your own business with a representative from SCORE, the Service Corps of Retired Executives. Get essential questions answered about the process and the planning it takes to be a small business owner. Participants will learn about business plans, business structures, taxes, loans and much more. Cosponsor: Small Business Administration and SCORE.

Manding Jata presents Music of Mali, West Africa Mar 17 | Thur | 7-8p All ages

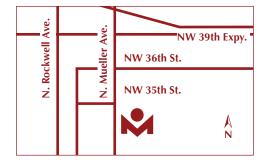
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Metro OKC Knit Guild Group Meeting Mar 20 | Sun | 3-5p **Teens-adults**

The Metro OKC Knit Guild group is meeting at Belle Isle. Everyone--any knitter or a person who's never knitted, but would like to learn--is welcome. Each monthly program includes a lesson of a new knitting technique and examples of charity knitting projects. For questions about the group, call 793-1566 or email at lluse@aol.com

Bethany Library
3510 N. Mueller, Bethany
(405) 789-8363

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



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



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

Spring Planting Mar 3 | Thur | 7-8p Adults

OSU Extension Master Gardner, Jackie Poughe, will give helpful information and instructions on planting spring flowers, shrubs and early crops. Refreshments will be served after the program.

Developmental Screenings Mar 4 | Fri | 9-Noon Ages birth to 5 years w/guardian



Child Guidance is offering developmental and speech/language screenings. A screening is a very general look at how children are doing compared to other children the same age. Questions or concerns you may have about your child's development or behavior will be discussed. Screenings

will include a small fee. To schedule your appt., call Child Guidance, OCCHD at 425-4412.

Teen Tech Month: GameFest Mar 8 | Tue | 6-8p Teens



Celebrate Teen Tech Month by joining us for an evening of video gaming. Age 11+. Call 789-8363 Ext. 3 to register.

Irish Dancers Mar 12 | Sat | 2-3p All ages



Gather all the wee ones and bring them to the library for Jean Hill's Irish Dancers. This annual event is a pleaser for everyone.

Manding Jata presents Music of Mali, West Africa Mar 17 | Thur | 7-8p arts All ages



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Trip Around the World Mar 19 | Sat | 2-3:30p 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 or call the library. Cosponsor: Junior League of OKC.

Children Reading to Dogs Mar 22 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p Age 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. Please pre-register at the information desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.

Spring Story & Craft Time Mar 24 | Thur | 10-10:45a Ages 3 to 6



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

Toddler Story and Play Time Mar 31 | Thur | 9:30-10:15a & 10:30-11:15a Ages 2-3 w/adult



Enjoy stories, songs, nursery rhymes and play time. For child with adult. Choose the 9:30 or 10:30 session. Pre-register at the library information desk or call 789-8363, ext 3.

Capitol Hill Library 334 SW 26th St., OKC

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

HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-8

Sat: 9-5 Sun: Closed



Tell Me A Story Mar 1,8,22,29 | Tue 9:30-10:15a Ages 6 and younger



Kids love to hear a story! Join us for storytimes featuring nursery rhymes, popular children's books and beloved authors. Sometimes we will have music or a craft.

Developmental Screenings Mar 3 | Thur | 1-5p Ages birth to 5 years w/guardian



Child Guidance is offering developmental and speech/language screenings @ the libraries once again! A developmental screening is a very general look at how children are doing compared to other children the same age. At a screening appointment, your child's developmental progress will be assessed. Any questions or concerns you may have about your child's development or behavior will be discussed. Information about upcoming stages and home activities will be given. Screenings will include a small fee. To schedule your screening appointment, please call Child Guidance @ 405-425-4412.

Chess Club Mar 3 | Thur | 4-6p **Kids-Teens**

Chess Club is moving to Thursdays! Come learn how to play this strategic game of chess. If you already know how to play, have a fun match with others. Please call 634-6308 for more information or to sign up.

After School at Your Library Mar 4,11,25 | Fri | 4-5p Ages 10-16



Have fun with art! Work on creative projects and learn about different kinds of artistic expression. Supplies and refreshments will be provided. Contact Angela at 634-6308 for more information or to sign up. Cosponsor: presented by the Kirkpatrick Family Fund.

Anime Club Mar 7 | Mon | 4-6p **Teens**



Join us the first Monday of every month. 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! Call Angela at 634-6308 for more information.

Oklahoma City-County Health Dept.

Family Planning Resource Booth Mar 7 | Mon | 4-5p Teens and adults



The Oklahoma City-County Health Department Family Planning Clinic is providing a Resource Booth. Services provided to males and females. We assist in filling out SoonerPlan applications. For more information, please call 419-4150. Cosponsor: OCCHD Family Planning Clinic.

Conversational Spanish Mar 7,14,21 | Mon | 5:30-7p **Adults**



Conversational Spanish class started in February and continues to May 9th. The course is intended to teach basic Spanish speaking skills (Who, What, When, and Where). Class will meet on Wednesday evenings for 14 sessions. Register by calling library, or sign up at the reference desk.

Pokemon Club Mar 10 | Thur | 4-5p Ages 6-12

Pokemon Club is moving to Thursdays! I choose you! Bring your pokemon cards or your Nintendo DS and battle it out! 2nd Thursday of each month.

GameFest Mar 10 | Thur | 5:30-7p Teens 11 and older



Bring your gaming skillz to the Capitol Hill Library for an exciting evening of PS2, GameCube, Wii with games like Rock Band, Mario Super Smash Brothers, and more!

Children Reading to Dogs Mar 12 | Sat | 1-2p Kids who can read



Our highly trained dog volunteers love to hear stories! Come practice your reading skills by reading to these adorable dogs! We provide the books AND the dogs. Please register at the information desk or by calling 634-6308.

Pebble Pets and Poetry Mar 14 | Mon | 2-4p Ages 8-12

Children younger that 8 may attend with an adult. Students will make and paint rock animal paperweights and have fun exploring some silly animal poetry.

You Are So Lucky! Mar 16 | Wed | 2-4p Ages 8-12

Children younger than 8 may attend with an adult. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with stories, crafts and snacks. Learn all about those lucky leprechauns.

Manding Jata presents Music of Mali, West Africa Mar 17 | Thur | 1-2p All ages

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Juggle Whatever Mar 18 | Fri | 2-4p Ages 8-12

Learn to Juggle! Come and learn the basics of juggling with Juggle Whatever instructor Monica Buck. Learn the basic cascade which is throwing 3 balls in the air along with several partner passing patterns for the beginner and other fun games. Great for self-learning so it is wonderful for self-esteem. Wonderful physical side effects without feeling exercise. Come and play with Juggle Whatever! Children younger than 8 may attend with adult supervision.

Soap Making Mar 19 | Sat | 11a-12:15p **Adults**

Come learn the process of making soap from scratch using the cold process method. Use your imagination to make soap creations for your own personal use, or to be given as gifts. Participants will receive a free soap sample to take with them.

Clay the Day Away Mar 26 | Sat | 2-4p Ages 6-12

Come learn how to fashion creative clay figures with local artist Debbie Langston. All supplies provided. Call 634-6308 to register.

Write On! Mar 31 | Thur | 4-6p **Grades 3-8**

Creative writing workshop, create your own story line.

Choctaw Library 2525 Muzzy St., Choctaw (405) 390-8418 **HOURS** Mon-Thur: 9-8 Sat: 9-5 Fri: 9-6 Sun: Closed

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Gem and Mineral Display Mar 1-31 | During Library Hours All ages

George Finley and members of the Gem and Mineral Society will have gems, minerals, jewelry and craft items on display. Cosponsor: Shawnee Gem and Mineral Society.

Lapsit Story Time Mar 1,8,15,22,29 | Tue 9:30-10a



Ages 6 months-3 years

Join us for simple songs, rhymes, and stories for parents and babies to enjoy together. Call 390-8418 or stop by the reference desk to sign up.

Preschool StoryTime Mar 1,8,15,22,29 | Tue 10:30-11a





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.

Lil' Lit' Club

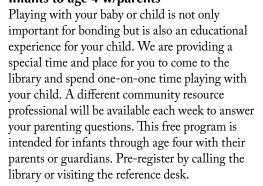
Mar 1 | Tue | 1-1:30p Children who can read

Like to read aloud and act out stories? Join us on Tuesday's at 1pm. Participants will benefit from reading the book in advance with their families. Stop by the reference desk to get the next title or call 390-8418.

Gentle Art of Yoga Mar 2,9,16,23 | Wed | 6-7p **Adults**

The Far East has long known the health benefits of Yoga and the gentle art has now found its way to the Western World. The health benefits of yoga include stress reduction. The concentration required during yoga practice tends to focus your attention on the matter at hand, thereby reducing the emphasis you may have been putting on the stress in your life. Classes are free, open to the public, but limited to 25. Please pre-register at 390-8418, ext 3.

Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me Mar 4,11,18,25 | Fri | 10-11a Infants to age 4 w/parents



Gem and Mineral Demo Day at the Library Mar 5 | Sat | 9:30a-3p All ages

Members of the Gem and Mineral Society will provide an overview about the club's activities. Demonstrations of jewelry making and many facets of gems/minerals will be presented. This event is a come and go affair. No registration is necessary. Cosponsor: Shawnee Gem and Mineral Society.

Teen Book Club Mar 9 | Wed | 4:30-5:30p **Teens**



Choctaw Library has just started a book club for Teens! Come enjoy pizza and drinks as we talk about awesome books. At each meeting, we choose the next month's book, so just call the library at 390-8418 to find out what we're reading.

Snakes! Mar 10 | Thur | 6-7:30p All ages

Learn all sorts of neat facts about different varieties of snakes! Those brave enough may pet and hold the snakes towards the end of the program.

Children Reading to Dogs Mar 12 | Sat | 3-4p Mar 16 | Wed | 4-5p Children who can read



Come and read to a dog! (A dog and trainer certified as a therapy team by Therapy Dogs International.) 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! Come by or call 390-8418 to reserve a space.

Your Two and Three-Year-Old Mar 15 | Tue | 6-7p **Parents and caregivers** of Young Children



Join other parents and caregivers as we explore typical language development of 2 and 3 year old children. This workshop will focus on ideas and activities to stimulate your child's language and learning skills. Facilitated by Child Guidance staff, Cheryl Custer and Tracy Goebel. Preregister: 425-4412. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City County Health Dept.

Manding Jata presents Music of Mali, West Africa Mar 16 | Wed | 10-11a All ages



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Child Guidance Screenings Mar 17 | Thur | 12:30-5p Ages birth to 5 years



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Teen Tech Month: GameFest Mar 17 | Thur | 5-7p **Teens**



Teens get ready for an exciting evening of PS2, GameCube, and Wii with games like Rock Band, Guitar Hero, Smash Brothers, DDR, and more! Snacks will be provided.

Origami After School Mar 23 | Wed | 4:30-5:30p Ages 6 and older

The ancient art of origami is a great way to improve motor skills, memory skills and be creative! Learn about geometry and fractions in a fun way! Join us to practice some simple origami. Bring your own favorites to share. Register at the desk or call 390-8418.

1st Annual WayWord Whopper **Festival-Storytelling Event** Mar 26 | Sat | 9:15a-1:30p arts **Adults Only**

The Choctaw Library will present a unique and fun mini storytelling festival that will showcase storytellers sharing their best of the best whoppers. Tellers will be judged in several categories: Family Funny, Folk and Fairy and Wild Whoopee Whoppers(Tall Tales). Unusual prizes and certificates will be presented. Light refreshments will be served. Contact the Choctaw Library for details 390-8418 ext 3. Cosponsor: WayWord Tellers and Territory Tellers.

Ookami Anime Club Mar 26 | Sat | 2:30-4p **Teens**

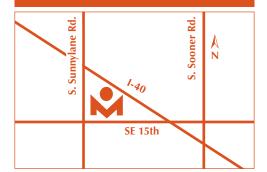


Share and discuss your favorite Anime and Manga (Japanese drawings and cartoons). Screen new Anime episodes each month! Snacks will be provided so come join the fun! *Anime may contain material that is considered unsuitable for ages 13 and younger.

Sun: Closed

Del City Library 4509 S.E. 15th, Del City **HOURS** Mon-Thur: 9-9

Fri: 9-6



Due to construction on the Del City Community Center, parking for the Del City Library will be located along the east side of the building. A new entrance will soon be located on the SOUTH side of the library.

Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me Mar 1,8,22,29 | Tue 11a-Noon



Infants to age 4 w/parents This program will take place at Parkview

Elementary School located at 5701 Mackelman Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73135. 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 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.

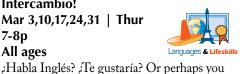
Pre-register by calling the library or visiting the

Tax Help by AARP Volunteers Mar 3,10,17,24,31 | Thur | Noon-4p Mar 5,12,19,26 | Sat | 9-11a Mar 7,14,21,28 | Mon | Noon-4p Adults

AARP-trained tax volunteers will assist you in preparing your state and federal tax forms. Simple forms only, no appointments only, first come, first served. E-filing only.

Intercambio! Mar 3,10,17,24,31 | Thur 7-8p All ages

reference desk.



would like to speak Spanish? An "intercambio" is a language exchange between people who speak different languages and want to practice speaking each other's language. On Thursdays, a qualified ESL tutor will be on hand to help you learn and practice the Spanish or English language. Call 672-1377 to sign up for a session.

TAB Meet-Up Mar 8 | Tue | 3:30-4:30p **Teens**



The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) gives teens the opportunity to participate, volunteer, and influence teen services at the Del City Library. We meet once a month to talk about the books, magazines, music, and library programs that YOU care about. Join us and make the Del City Library YOUR library! Call 672-1377 for more information.

Coolest Cat Storytime Mar 8 | Tue | 6:30-7:15p Ages 4-8



Cat stories & cat activities! Children will enjoy!!!

Game Night Mar 16 | Wed | 6-8p Ages 8-12

Celebrate Spring Break at Game Night! Come and join the fun!

Crafts, Etc. Mar 17 | Thur | 6-7:30p **Teens-adults**

Knitters, beaders, stitchers, and gluers - come one, come all! Bring any project you're working on and join a fun group of fellow crafters while you explore and expand your interests and creativity. Work on your own handiwork, and watch a mini-demonstration of an easy craft that you can take home. Please sign up and call for more information.

Spring Storytime Mar 25 | Fri | 10-10:20a Ages 1-5



Spring is here!!! Young children will enjoy the stories and activities celebrating spring!

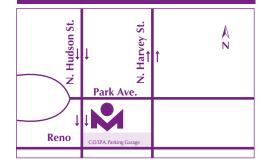


Downtown Library

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

HOURS

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



Computer Basics Mar 1,8,22,29 | Tue 6-7:30p Adults



Four week computer basics class will get you caught up and into the 21st century. Class includes Microsoft Word, Internet searching, Email and more. Class is located in the Route 66 Computer Lab at the Downtown Library. Please call 606-3879 to register.

Wednesday Night at the Movies Mar 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed | 6-8p Ages 13 and older

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

Mar 2: Cold Comfort Farm

Mar 9: Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day

Mar 16: Chocolat

Mar 23: Fried Green Tomatoes

Mar 30: Million Dollar Baby

Noon Tunes Mar 3,10,17,24 | Thur 11:30a-12:30p All ages



Cosponsored by the Friends of the Metropolitan Library System. Music groups performing in March are:

Mar 3 Edgar Cruz, guitar

Mar 10: Lou Anne Rice and Kam Brad, violin/piano

Mar 17: Oklahoma String Quartet

Mar 24: Suze Ogden, folk

Mar 31: Route 66 Sax Quartet

A Visit With Oklahoma Poets Mar 3 | Thur | 6:30-8p **Adults**

The public is welcome to hear a panel discussion by contemporary Oklahoma poets—Sandra

THE DOWNTOWN LIBRARY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL



Saturday, April 2 – Beginning at 11am

Celebrate the cultures of the world with music, dance, demonstrations, arts and crafts. It's free and for everyone!

Downtown Library — 300 Park Avenue — 231-8650, ext. 3



www.metrolibrary.org

Soli, Ken Hada, Nathan Brown, and Carol Hamilton. This event is free to the public, and is in conjunction with the course "Contemporary Oklahoma Writers" offered by Oklahoma City Community College through the OKC Downtown College. Writers, readers, students, and anyone interested in poetry are invited to learn from these successful Oklahoma poets. Please RSVP at 405.232.3382. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City Downtown College.

PM Play With Me Mar 3 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p Infant to age 4 with parent or guardian



Playing with your baby or child is not only important for bonding but is also an educational experience for your child. We are providing a special time and place for you to come to the library and spend one-on-one time playing with your child. This program is intended for infants through age four with their parents or guardians. Pre-register by calling the library 231-8650, ext 4 or visiting the reference desk.

Play With Me Mar 4 | Fri | 10-10:50a 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. This program is intended for infants through age four with parents or guardians. Pre-register by calling 231-8650, ext. 4, or by visiting the Children's Reference Desk.

AD/HD or ADD Classes Mar 5 | Sat | 10:30-11:30a (**Adults**



Calling all parents raising a child with AD/ HD or ADD. Free Classes! Children with AD/HD or ADD pose special challenges for parents. Learn more about "Effective Parenting Techniques" All interested persons are welcome. Call 231-8650 ext. 4.

Write On! Writing Workshop Mar 6,13,20,27 | Sun 3-5p Ages 13-21



Oklahoma Young Writers presents Write On!, a writing workshop for writers ages 13-21 facilitated by nationally touring poets, Rob Sturma and Lauren Zuniga. Students explore the path between imagination and memory, build a tool box of literary devices and learn new techniques for constructive peer critique. http://www.okyoungwriters.org

Being Prepared for Tornados and Other Emergencies

Mar 8 | Tue | Noon -1p Adults

Are YOU prepared for a tornado or other disaster? Learn how to create an Emergency Supply Kit; Communication Plan; as well as learn when you should evacuate or shelter-inplace. Get information on what OKC-County Health Department does in a Public Health Emergency to help protect the people of Oklahoma County. Carol Smith Educator for OCCHD will present this free informative program in Classroom C-D. Coffee and bottled water will be provided. Brown Bag lunches are welcome. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City Downtown College.

Preschool Aerobics Mar 11 | Fri | 10-10:45a Ages 12 mos - 5 years 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. Pre-register by calling 231-8650, ext. 4 or by visiting the Children's Reference Desk.

Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me Mar 12,19,26 | Sat | 10-11a Infants to age 4 w/parents



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Gallery Storytime Mar 12 | Sat | 2-3p All ages



The Metropolitan Library System, along with OKCMOA, invites children to connect art with reading during monthly storytimes at the museum. Join us the 2nd Saturday of every month at 2:00pm at the Oklahoma Museum of Art. Admission fee to the Gallery is required. A parent or caregiver must remain with children.

Manding Jata presents Music of Mali, West Africa Mar 13 | Sun | 2-3p & entertainment All ages

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Book 'N' Play Storytime Mar 18 | Fri | 10-10:45a Ages 3 to 5 years with adult



Children between the ages of three and five are getting ready to master the skills they need to become readers. Book 'N Play will include a variety of activities, fingerplays, songs, and a craft that will encourage an interest in books, reading, and a love for literature. Pre-register by calling 231-8650 ext.4, or by visiting the Children's Reference Desk.

Children Reading to Dogs Mar 19 | Sat | 3-4p Children who 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.

Music Play with Miss Ginger Mar 25 | Fri | 10-10:45a Ages 2 to 5 years with 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.

Reduxion Theatre presents Shakespeare-Making the **Language Connection!** Mar 26 | Sat | 11a-Noon arts Adults and teens



In conjunction with the afternoon presentation of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer's Nights Dream," a workshop for adults and teens will be presented on the language of Shakespeare. The workshop is designed for those who are interested in developing a deeper understanding for the way in which Shakespeare's style of writing informed and influenced the character's he created. Using a variety of techniques Reduxion Theatre will examine and perform both verse and prose using text from the play. Cosponsor: Reduxion Theatre, Oklahoma Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts.

Reduxion Theatre presents "A Midsummer Night's Dream" on Tour Mar 26 | Sat | 2-4p Age 6-adult



"A Midsummer Night's Dream" is lively and colorful. Reduxion Theatre's fresh take on this classic comedy featuring diaphanous costumes, transformative set design and an original score designed to explore the music, dance and fantasy of Shakespeare's most beloved romantic comedy set in the world of classical Greece. Fairies and lovers, nobles and working class, none are exempt from the folly of love. Cosponsor: Reduxion Theatre, Oklahoma Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts.

A Woman's Guide to Money Matters Mar 29 | Tue | Noon-1p **Adults**

Bring your mother, sister, daughter, and friends! Together we'll learn what you can do now to help address your financial goals and create a strategy for the future. Teresa Malzahn is an accredited asset management specialist and will speak on this topic in Classroom C-D. Program is free. Coffee and bottled water will be provided and brown bag lunches are welcome. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City Downtown College.

Child Guidance Developmental and Language Screenings Mar 31 | Thur | 9a-Noon Ages birth to 5 years with parent

Child Guidance is offering developmental and speech/language screenings @ the libraries once again! A developmental screening is a very general look at how children are doing compared to other children the same age. At a screening appointment, your child's developmental progress will be assessed. Any questions or concerns you may have about your child's development or behavior will be discussed. Information about upcoming stages and home activities will be given. Screenings will include a small fee. To schedule your screening appointment, please call Child Guidance @ 405-425-4412. Cosponsor: OCCHD-Child Guidance.

Edmond Library HOURS

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In Stitches-Edmond Library Needlecraft Group

Mar 1,8,15,22,29 | Tue | 9:30a-2p **Adults**

Do you knit or do needlework? Develop your skills or learn about stitchery at the Edmond Library. You will pursue your hobbies as a group, and you will further develop your abilities by exchanging tips with your knitting or needlework friends. Stay for a few minutes or for the entire session. You must bring your own yarn, knitting needles, and stitchery projects if you have some. This is self-instruction. Please register by calling 341-9282.

Lapsit: Playtime and Storytime Mar 1,15 | Tue | 9:30-10a and 10:15-10:45a and 11-11:30a Birth to 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, movement, early literacy skills, books and language development.

Mealtime Hassles Mar 1 | Tue | 3:30-5p **Parents**



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. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Dept.

GED Mar 1,3,8,10,15,17,22,24,29 Tue & Thur | 5:30-8:30p **Adults**



Prepare for the GED test with teachers from

Oklahoma City Community College. Class is free, materials are free. Register with the instructor on the first day you attend class. Questions? Call OCCC at 652-7859.

Chess Club for Teens Mar 1,8,15,22 | Tue 6-7p **Teens**



Free Chess Club for Teens meets Tuesday nights 6:00 to 7:00. All skill levels are welcome. Students can play others who are learning or have prior skills in the game. Local mom and coach provides materials and instructions.

Children Reading to Dogs Mar 1,15 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p Children who 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

Tax Help by AARP Volunteers Mar 2,9,16,23 | Wed | 10a-3p Mar 3,10,17,24 | Thur | Noon-8p

All Ages

AARP-trained tax volunteers will assist you in preparing your state and federal tax forms. Simple forms only, no appointments only, firstcome, first served. E-filing only. Cosponsor: AARP.

55+ Coffee Break Mar 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed | 9:30-11a Seniors

This is a Coffee Break just for you. Light snacks, good conversation. Find out about new large print books offered in the library system. Don't miss out on this opportunity to mingle and meet new people.

Computer Instruction with Carl Mar 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed 1-4p Adults 18 and older



Library computer specialist Carl with work with individuals in one hour increments on the library computers. Pre-registration is mandatory. Call 341-9282 to pre-register.

Intermediate ESL Mar 2,7,9,14,16,21,23,28 Mon & Wed | 1-4p Adults



This class is for adults who would like to improve their spoken and written English, and includes grammar, conversation, vocabulary, reading, writing, listening, and pronunciation. The Class is provided by Oklahoma City

Community College. Free. Register with instructor on the first day you plan to attend. Free. Cosponsor: OCCC.

Computer Instruction with Dave Mar 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed 7-8p Adults 18 and older



Free! Join Dave for computer instruction. Call 341-9282 to register. Please call by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday to verify your appointment.

Driver Safety Program with AARP Mar 5 | Sat | 9:30a-4p **Adults**

Attention ALL drivers! If you want to learn how to be a better driver and save money, attend the AARP Driver Safety Course and become eligible for a discount on your insurance Sign up at the information desk or by calling 341-9282. Cost is \$12.00 for AARP members of \$14.00 for non-members, in cash or check to AARP for course materials and instruction. Cosponsor: AARP.

Stamp Club Mar 5,19 | 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 6,13,20,27 | 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. All written materials are provided by instructor.

Beginning Farsi Mar 6,13,20,27 | Sun 2:30-3:30p Adults and teens



For those who have had no previous experience with the Farsi language. Basic concepts of reading, writing, and speaking Farsi will be introduced. Supply charge is \$20. per month, payable to the instructor.

Preschool Storytime Mar 7,14,21,28 | Mon 10-10:30a **Ages 3-5**



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

Lapsit: Playtime and Parachute Play

Mar 8 | Tue | 9:30-10a and 10:15-10:45a and 11-11:30a

Birth to 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, movement, early literacy skills, language development and parachute play.

Developmental Child Screening Mar 8 | Tue | 1-5p Ages birth to 5 years



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Chess and Board Games for Kids Mar 8 | Tue | 6-7:30p Ages 8-12

Chess and Board Games offers beginning players a chance to learn and improve their game playing skills, while practicing good sportsmanship in a positive environment. Those interested should contact Connie Hong at conniehong.ok@gmail.com to signup or for more information.

Edmond Manga and Anime Mar 10 | Thur | 4-5:30p **Teens**



Free Club for Teens. Meets the Second Thursday of the month from 4:00 to 5:30. Local teens meet to talk, draw, watch and compare Manga/Anime. Content is PG-13 and up and can be unsuitable for younger children.

Music With Susan Mar 11,25 | 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 11,25 | 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 12 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon Adults

The group will be discussing *The Lonely* Polygamist by author Brady Udall. This is a sprawling tragi-comic novel that deals with important themes - love, need, and family.

"Become A Fraud Fighter" Mar 12 | Sat | 1-2p **Adults**

FINRA (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority) is the largest independent regulator for all securities firms doing business in the United States. FINRA, along with the AARP and Edmond's Heart of Oklahoma Investing chapter will present a very timely program on avoiding investment fraud in banking, "friend" schemes and on the internet. Please register by calling 341-9282. Cosponsor: Heart of Oklahoma Chapter Better Investing, AARP.

Edmond Library Book Bunch Mar 12 | Sat | 2-3:30p

This group discusses important and memorable fiction. This month's book is The Piano Teacher by Janice Y.K. Lee. This is a stunning story that takes place in Hong Kong during World War II. Books are available to reserve in the library.

Manding Jata presents Music of Mali, West Africa Mar 14 | Mon | 1-2p All ages



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Sustainable Edmond Mar 15 | Tue | 6:30-8p Adults

At this monthly meeting of Sustainable

Tax Help: AARP

For Adults. AARP trained volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2010 state and federal tax returns. No appointments taken. First come, first served.

Belle Isle Library–AARP, E-filing ONLY.

Tuesdays: Mar 1,8,15,22,29: 9a-1p Wednesdays: Mar 2,9,16,23,30: 9a-1p Saturdays: Mar 5,12,19,26: 9a-Noon

Del City Library–AARP, E-filing ONLY

Thursdays: Mar 3,10,17,24,31: Noon- 4p

Saturdays: Mar 5,12,19,26: 9-11a Mondays: Mar 7,14,21,28: Noon-4p

Edmond Library–AARP E-filing ONLY

Wednesdays: Mar 2,9,16,23,30: 10a-3p Thursdays: Mar 10,17,24,31: Noon-8p The Village Library-AARP, E-filing ONLY

Tuesdays: Mar 1,8,15,22,29: 10a-3p Wednesdays: Mar 2,9,16,23,30:10a-3p Saturdays: Mar 5,12,19,26:10a-3p

Warr Acres Library-AARP, E-filing ONLY

Mondays: Mar 7,14,21,28: 9a-2:30p Fridays: Mar 4,11,18,25: 9a-2:30p

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.

History Book Club Mar 17 | Thur | 6:30-8p Adults

Adults! Join the newly organized book club for history buffs. Selection of the month is *War* by Sebastian Junger. Dr. Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen will facilitate the discussion. This is a jointly sponsored event by the University of Central Oklahoma and the Edmond Library. Register by calling the library at 341-9282. You may reserve books through the library or purchase them at your local book store. Cosponsor: University of Central Oklahoma.

How Healing Your Mind Helps Heal Your Body Mar 19 | Sat |1-2p Adults

This lecture explores how our thinking adds to, or detracts from, our peace of mind and our physical health. "Thought is Cause" is explained in a way that unites Eastern mysticism and Western science showing that thoughts are real and they manifest themselves in the body. Learn how you can learn and grow through your experiences. Cosponsor: School of Metaphysics

Stay Alive: Personal Protection and Rape Prevention Workshop for Women Mar 19 | Sat | 1-2p Adults

Do you want to be safe and keep safe? What does it mean to "be aware" of your surroundings? What surroundings are dangerous and what are you supposed to be looking for? Learn how to keep yourself out of danger by looking out for potentially threatening situations, and avoiding them. Class instructors are Jason Epps and Jesse Cargill of Premier Martial Arts. Cosponsor: Premier Martial Arts of Edmond.

Lapsit: Playtime and Toddler Aerobics Mar 22 | Tue | 9:30-10a

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

Birth to 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.

Introduction to Watercolor Painting with Jim Pourtokan

Mar 26 | Sat | 10a-Noon and Mar 26 | Sat | 3-5p Adults

Artist Jim Pourtorkan will introduce you to some basic techniques of oil painting - how to apply color and compose a painting. Students will complete a project suitable for framing or gift-giving. All supplies provided by the library.

Green Living Class Mar 26 | Sat | 1-2p Adults

The Practical Green Living class is designed to teach how to live green in a practical way that is suitable for a more suburban or metro lifestyle. Participants will learn how to save money, even thousands of dollars each year, by learning simple and practical things they can do at home or in the office on a daily basis. Cosponsor: Noel/Pink Diva Café.

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Toileting Triumph Mar 29 | Tue | 3:30-5p Parents



With the development of new language skills, motor skills, attitude and activity level come many challenges. Toileting doesn't have to be one of those challenges. We'll talk about signs of readiness, why this learning experience can be so frustrating and much more. Come discuss ways to make this exciting milestone more fun and rewarding for everyone. Call 425 4412 to register. Cosponsor: OCCHD.

Teen Tech Month: OSBI CSI for Teens Mar 29 | Tue | 7-8:30p Teens



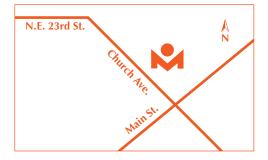
This straight from the trenches program brings OSBI investigator Penny Cooper to the Edmond Library, where she will set up a "case" and then take teens through the steps that an actual investigator uses to solve crimes here in Oklahoma. Hands on and full of actual facts from a typical case this program is geared to 12-17 year old participants. Content is not suitable for young children.

Harrah Library

(405) 454-2001

HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9:30-6 Sun: Closed



Children Reading to Dogs Mar 12 | Sat | 9a-Noon **Grades K-6th**

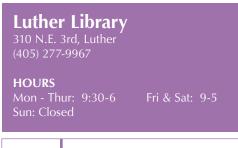


Come join us and practice your reading skills by reading a story to our therapy dog Chewbacca. Call 454-2001 for information.

Story Time Mar 21 | Mon | 10:30-11a Ages birth-7 years



Join us as books become real in Harrah's library reading time. Please pre-register at the library or call 454-2001.





Oklahoma County Triad: Keeping Our Citizens Safe

Mar 1 | Tue | 11a-Noon **Adults**

Keeping our Citizens Safe. Don't be a Victim come and learn what is happening in our communities and how to be safe in our homes. TRIAD gives you the opportunity to get the

latest crime-prevention information direct from your local law enforcement. What can be better than that. Call 277-9967 for information.

Winter Wii Fest Mar 1-31 | 9:30a-6p All ages

We have video games all month for the children to play. Drop in and have a great time. We have Super Smash Bros, Super Monkey Ball 2, Sonic Heroes and Mario Kart Double Dash. Any day and time is video game time at the Library.

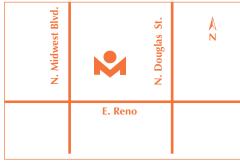
Coffee Break Mar 7 | Mon | 9:30a-10:30a Adults

Come by for a cup of coffee and light refreshment and see the book we are featuring this week.

Quilting and Sewing Mar 21 | Mon | 10a-4:30p Adults

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





Tutoring Mar 1-31 | Library Hours 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 on-going during the school year.

Teen Tech Month **Photo Contest and Exhibit** Mar 1-31 **Teens**



The Midwest City Library is celebrating Teen Tech Month 2011 with style. Teenagers are invited to participate in a Visual Poetry competition. Participants must collect photos

(taken by you) and create a photography exhibit. Photos can be scanned and digitally altered however it must be your work. Entries are accepted during the month of March; the winner and two finalists will be announced on April 1, 2011. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded. Each entry will be displayed at the Midwest City Library lobby gallery during the month of April. For more information please contact Suzette Felton at 405-732-4828.

Wii While You Wait Mar 1,8,15,22,29 | Tue | 9a-Noon All ages

Every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. adults have the opportunity to strengthen their video gaming skills. No registration required.

Knit Wit Crochet Program Mar 1,15 | Tue | 10a-Noon All ages

Learn to knit or crochet OR, strengthen your craft. Crochet class meets every first Tuesday of the month; knitting class meets every third Tuesday. Class is free and all supplies provided by the library. No registration required.

Yu-gi-oh Mar 1 | Tue | 2-4p All ages

Come and get your Yu-gi-oh game on every second and last Saturday of the month. No experience necessary.

Mar 1,3,8,10,15,17,22,24 Tue & Thur | 5:30-8:30p All ages



March 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22 and 24 participants learn to improve their English language skills through everyday conversation. No registration is required. Cosponsor: OCCC Adult Learning Center.

Pajama Storytime Mar 1 | Tue | 6:30-7p 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.

Book Bug Club Mar 3 | Thur | 4:30-5:30p 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 Sneetches and Other Stories by Dr. Seuss. You can pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk. Registration is required.



A presentation of the Kirkpatrick Family Fund

Have fun with art, work on creative projects, and learn about different kinds of artistic expression.

We'll provide the supplies and refreshments – you provide the imagination!

Capitol Hill Library

334 SW 26th (634-6308)

Fridays with Nathan Lee

4-5pm | March 4, 11, 25*

Ralph Ellison Library

2000 NE 23rd (424-1437)

Tuesdays with Nathan Lee 4-5pm | March 1, 8



Bey Blade Metal Fusion Tournament Mar 4 | Fri | 4-5:30p Kids and teens

Come to the Midwest City Library and participate in our Bey Blade Metal Fusion Tournament. Each participant must provide: a bey blade, launcher and rip cord. For more information please contact Suzette at 405-732-4828.

Tai Chi Mar 5 | Sat | 9-10:30a All ages

Tai Chi is practiced for both its defense training and its health benefits. Every Saturday the Library offers Tai Chi to the public. This class is free; no registration required. For more information please contact the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

Lapsit Play and Storytime Mar 5 | Sat | 10:30-11:15a 10 mos-3 years w/parent/ caregiver



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

Alive @ 25 Mar 5 | Sat | 1-5p Teens & young adults

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. Cosponsor: Midwest City Police Department.

Community Quilting with Soldier Creek Quilting Group Mar 7,14,21,28 | Mon | 9a-2p All ages

Perpetuate art forms and inspire others in quilting. Members of Soldier Creek Quilting Group invite you to attend every Monday at the lbrary. No experience necessary, just a willingness to create art. Registration is not required. Cosponsor: Soldier Creek Quilting Group.

Lapsit Play & Storytime Mar 7,14,21 | Mon 10-10:45a or 11-11:45a 10 months-3 yrs w/parent or caregiver



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

Whose Line Is It Anyway? Mar 7 | Mon | 5:30-7p **Teens**

Get your IMPROV ON every Monday!! No registration required.

Children Reading to Dogs Mar 8,22 | 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. Cosponsor: Creatures & Kids, and TDI.

Fun To Be Four Mar 10 | Thur | 6-7:30p Parents & caregivers of young children



Learn more about your fascinating four year old child. This workshop will focus on the characteristics of four year old children and how we can assist in their overall development. Facilitated by Sarita Naegeli. Preregister: 425-4412. Cosponsor: OCCHD.

Reduxion Theatre presents Shakespeare Improv! Mar 12 | Sat | 11a-Noon Teens



In conjunction with the afternoon presentation of Shakespeare's A Midsummer's Nights Dream, a workshop for teens will be presented on improvisational comedy. Reduxion Theatre will work through several exercises using Shakespeare's text and classic improv theater techniques to enhance and modernize Shakespeare's language for teens. Cosponsor: Reduxion Theatre, Oklahoma Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts

Reduxion Theatre presents "A Midsummer Night's Dream on Tour" Mar 12 | Sat | 2-4p Age 6-adult



"A Midsummer Night's Dream" is lively and colorful. Reduxion Theatre's fresh take on this classic comedy featuring diaphanous costumes, transformative set design and an original score designed to explore the music, dance and fantasy of Shakespeare's most beloved romantic comedy set in the world of classical Greece. Fairies and lovers, nobles and working class, none are exempt from the folly of love. Cosponsor: Reduxion Theatre, Oklahoma Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts.

Yu-gi-oh Game Tournament Mar 12,26 | Sat | 2-4:30p Ages 10-16



Come and get your Yu-gi-oh game on every

second and last Saturday of the month. No experience necessary.

Spring Break Movies Mar 14-18 | 10a-Noon All ages

Join us for a different movie each day during Spring Break. All movies are rated G or PG. Ask at the Information Desk to find out which movies will be showing. Space is limited.

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Midwest City Readers' Society Mar 15 | Tue | 10-11:30a **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. Pick up your copy of our current book at the Information Desk, or call 732-4828.

Child Development Screenings Mar 16 | Wed | 1-5p Parents of young children



Child Guidance is offering developmental and speech/language screenings @ the libraries once again! A developmental screening is a very general look at how children are doing compared to other children the same age. At a screening appointment, your child's developmental progress will be assessed. Any questions or concerns you may have about your child's development or behavior will be discussed. Information about upcoming stages and home activities will be given. Screenings will include a small fee. To schedule your screening appointment, please call Child Guidance @ 405-425-4412. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City-County Heath Dept.

Cold Season Veggies with Ray Ridlen Mar 17 | Thur | 1:30-3p All ages

It is that time of the year to consider planting cold season vegetables. Taught by Ray Ridlen from the OSU/OKC. This class is free. No registration required. For further information please call 732-4828. Cosponsor: OSU/OKC.

Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County Mar 17 | Thur | 3:30-5p

Midwest City Library 8143 E. Reno, Midwest City, OK 73110 405.732.4828

The public is welcome to attend.

Japanese Culture Class Mar 17 | Thur | 7-8:15p All ages

Come to the Midwest City Library and learn about various Japanese cultures including: art, Japanese "common sense" and much more. This class is free and available to the public. To attend please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

Origami Mar 17 | Thur | 7-8:15p All ages

Learn the art of origami at the Midwest City Library with Mr. June Orrikasa. This class is free. To attend please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

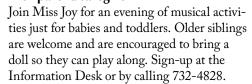
Motor Vehicle Crash Prevention Course Mar 19 | Sat | 9a-4p **Adults**

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. Cosponsor: AAA Motor Vehicle.

Lunch and Learn Mar 22 | Tue | 12:30-1:30p All ages

Need money management tips? Attend this free seminar. Lunch is served and space is limited. Registration required. To attend please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Cosponsor: Allegiance Credit Union.

Music for Babies and Toddlers with Miss Joy Mar 22 | Tue | 6:30-7p Infants to 30 months with parent/caregiver



Chess Club Mar 26 | Sat | 11:30a-1p All ages

All ages are welcome to participate in the

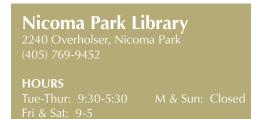
Midwest City Library Chess Club. No registration required.

Russian Cultural Event Mar 26 | Sat | 2-3:30p All ages

Come and experience Russian language, music and art by Nina Shuller. Participants will be exposed to the rich traditions of Central North Russia. This program is free and available to the public. No registration required.

Your Two & Three-Year-Old Child Mar 29 | Tue | 6-7p Parents and caregivers of young children

Join other parents and caregivers as we explore typical language development of 2 and 3 year old children. This workshop will focus on ideas and activities to stimulate your child's language and learning skills. Pre-Register: 425-4412. Cosponsor: OCCHD.





Children Reading to Dogs Mar 3,17 | Thur 4-4:45p Ages 4 and older

Children improve their skills 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 769-9452.

children & FAMILIES

Lady Crafters Mar. 18 | Fri | 10a-Noon **Adults**

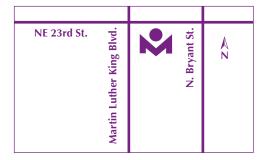
Ladies of all ages come together to craft items suitable for the season. Most projects are free. Call 769-9452 for more information.

Ralph Ellison Library

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

HOURS

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



After School at Your Library Mar 1,8 | Tue | 4-5p Ages 10-16

Have fun with art! Work on creative projects and learn about different kinds of artistic expression. Supplies and refreshments will be provided. Contact Anna at 424-1437 for more information or to sign up. Cosponsor: presented by the Kirkpatrick Family Fund.

Toastmasters Mar 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed | 6-8p **Adults**

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

Scrabble Club Mar 5 | Sat | 2-4p Seniors

Join us at Ralph Ellison Library for a casual game of Scrabble. Beginners to advanced are welcome. This club meets the first Saturday of each month. Call 424-1437 to register.

True Oklahoma Treasure—Clara Luper Mar 7 | Mon | 6:30-8p All ages

Join us for a presentation on a true Oklahoma treasure, our very own Clara Luper. The conversation will be led by historian Bruce Fisher. All ages are welcome to attend!

Preschool Storytime Mar 8,22 | Tue | 10-10:30a Ages 3-5



Fun time with fingerplays, music, books &more.

Teen Tech Month: GameFest Mar 10 | Thur | 5-7p **Teens**

Shh! Video games in the library?! Rock Band,

Guitar Hero, Maddon, and more! Sign up at the Information Desk or by calling 424-1437.

Children Reading to Dogs Mar 12 | Sat | 11a-Noon 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.

Social Networking. What's That? Mar 12 | Sat | 2-3p Seniors

Gossip over the back fence used to work. Now you need to be "connected" to learn the latest gossip and keep up with your grandkids. Presentation to introduce some of the social networking tools available on-line such as Twitter, Facebook, etc. Call 424-1437 to register.

Interpreting Dreams Lecture Mar 12 | Sat | 2-4p **Adults**

Ever wonder what your dream meant? Or ever wish you could remember more details about your dream? Join educators from the Oklahoma City School of Metaphysics as they provide information on how to understand the meaning of dreams and how to improve dream recall. Cosponsor: OKC School of Metaphysics.

Ralph Ellison Adult Book Club Mar 14 | Mon | 6-7p All ages

Love to read and talk about books with other people? Then join the Ralph Ellison Adult Book Club which meets once a month. The March book is *Life is Short but Wide* by J. California Cooper. Call 424-1437 for information or to reserve your book. Cosponsor: S.O.U.P.

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Teen Tech Month: Teen Book Trailer Night Mar 17 | Thur | 6-7p



Lights, Camera, Action! Teens will enjoy a night of popcorn and book trailers for the latest YA reads. Come join the fun!

College Fair Mar 21 | Mon | 5-7p Teens and adults

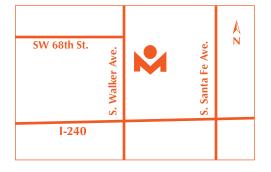
Interested in college? Want to know how to get started? Then join us for our College Fair! Local colleges will have booths with representatives available to answer your questions. Come check it out! Cosponsor: Village Concepts.

S.O.U.P. Open Mic Poetry Night Mar 28 | Mon | 6:30-8p

S.O.U.P. Society of Urban Poets provides an opportunity for budding poets to share their work with an audience full of supporters. Just show up ready to read.

Southern Oaks Library (405) 631-4468

HOURS



Homework Help Mar 1,22 | Tue | 4-6 Grades 1-5

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

GED @ Southern Oaks Library Mar 2,7,9,14,16,21,23,28,30 Mon & Wed | 3-6p Age 16 and 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. Attend any Monday or Wednesday class to enroll. Call 631-4468 for

more information. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City Adult Learning Center.

SCORE - Business Counseling Mar 4 | Fri | 10a-1p Adults

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

Trip Around the World Mar 5 | Sat | 2-3p 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 or call the library. Cosponsor: Junior League of Oklahoma City.

Build Your Own Business With SCORE Mar 7 | Mon | 6:30-8p All ages

Explore the options of starting your own business with representatives from SCORE, the Service Corps of Retired Executives. We can help you get the essential questions answered about the process and the planning it takes to be a small business owner. Cosponsor: SCORE/Small Business Administration.

Preschool Storytime Mar 7,21,28 | Mon 10:30-11:10a Ages 2-5



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

Southern Oaks Book Club Mar 8 | Tue | 12:30-1:30p **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.

Teen Tech Month 2011!



Gamefest

March 8 - Bethany Library (789-8363) 6-8pm

March 10 - The Village Library (755-0710) 4-5:30pm

March 10 - Ralph Ellison Library (424-1437) 5-7pm

March 17 - Choctaw Library (390-8418) 5-7pm

Fan Fiction and Fan Art Contest

Entries due by March 13 at 6pm — Winners announced on Mar. 19, 1:30pm Southern Oaks Library (631-4468)

Teen Book Trailer Night

March 17 - Ralph Ellison Library (424-1437) 6-7pm

Teen Tech Bingo

March 7-12 - Capitol Hill Library (634-6308)

Teen Tech Month Photo Contest & Exhibit

March 1-31 - Midwest City Library (732-4828)

OSBI Crime Scene Investigation

March 29 - Edmond Library (341-9282) 7-8:30pm



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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 & certified through Therapy Dogs International or HALO. Sign-up is required. Please call 631-4468 or visit the Information Desk.

FanFiction FanArt Contest Deadline Mar 13 | Sun | 1-6p All ages

Today is the last day to submit entries to the FanFiction & FanArt Contest. FanFiction must be 2500 words or less. You may submit entries via email at: jhilbert@metrolibrary. org, or by dropping them off at Southern Oaks Library. Prizes include \$50 Gift Cards, gift certificates and more. Winners announced Saturday, March 19, at 1:30pm at the library. You must be present to win. For the complete rules go to http://www.metrolibrary.org/ fan/ or contact John at 631-4468. Cosponsor: ATOMIK POP www.atomikpop.com & SPEEDING BULLET COMICS www. speedingbulletcomics.com

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FanFiction FanArt Contest Party Mar 19 | Sat | 1:30-3:30p

Come see the winning fan art and hear about the winning fan fiction. Fun, food and prizes. Entries may be submitted through email to:jhilbert@metrolibrary.org, or by dropping them off at library c/o John Hilbert by March 13, 2011 at 6:00pm. For complete rules go to www.metrolibrary.org/fan

The announcement party is open to all ages but children younger than 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Participants must be present to win.

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HOURS Mon-Thur: 9-9 Fri: 9-6	Sat: 9-5 Sun: Closed
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Vineyard Blvd.	N. Pennsylvania Ave
N. Britton Rd.	<u> </u>

Tax Help by AARP Volunteers Mar 1,8,15,22 | Tue | 10a-3p Mar 2,9,16,23 | Wed | 10a-3p Mar 5,12,19,26 | Sat | 10a-3p All ages

AARP volunteers come to our branch to help people get their taxes done during the tax season. They'll be at the Village every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from 10am to 3pm. AARP members will help individuals on a firstcome, first-served basis. Cosponsor: AARP.

Healthy Weigh: Nutrition Education & **Weight Loss Program** Mar 1,8,15,22,29 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p All ages

Would you like to lose a few pounds but don't know how? If so, come join "Healthy Weigh" and learn simple ways to lead a healthier lifestyle. "Healthy Weigh" is a free, fun, interactive 12 week nutrition education and weight loss program. You will learn how to improve your health through a nutritious diet and just 20-30 minutes of exercise a day. Topics include: portion control, breaking bad habits, disease prevention, physical fitness, meal planning on a budget, and much more! Cosponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.

Children Reading to Dogs Mar 2,9,16,23 | Wed | 6-7p Mar 3,10,17,24 | 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 3,10,24,31 | Thur 10-10:30a Ages 2-6



Join Susan for musical fun and activities.

Pre-registration is required, and registration will begin on February 7. Please call 755-0710 or stop by the Information Desk.

Village Chess Club Mar 4,11,18,25 | Fri | 3:30-5:30p All ages

Want to play chess? Come to the Village! All ages and skill levels welcome. For more information and registration, email Robert Green at rlgreen@ okcps.org or call the Village Library 755-0710.

Yeehaw! Behind-the-Scenes of a Writer Mar 5 | Sat | 10-11a Children in grades 1-2

Children's book author Tammi Sauer will share some weird and funny facts about herself and her books. She will also perform magic tricks to illustrate where she gets her ideas and how she shapes ideas into stories. Tammi will conclude by taking the students through an interactive, behind-the-scenes look at getting a book published which involves a quick trip to Tammi's version of The Oprah Show. Her published books include Chicken Dance, Cowboy Camp and Mostly Monsterly Please call 755-0710 to register, or visit the Information Desk.

After School at Your Library Mar 7,21 | Mon | 4-5p Ages 10-16

Have fun with art! Work on creative projects and learn about different kinds of artistic expression. Supplies and refreshments will be provided. Contact Mallory at 755-0710 for more information or to sign up. Cosponsor: presented by the Kirkpatrick Family Fund.

StoryTime Mar 8,22 | Tue | 10-10:30a Ages 2-5 with parent



Come and join us for stories, games, and crafts. Please call 755-0710 to register, or stop by the Information Desk.

Your Two and Three-Year-Old Child Mar 8 | Tue | 6-7p Parents and caregivers of 2 & 3 year olds

Join other parents and caregivers as we explore typical language development of 2 and 3 year old children. This workshop will focus on ideas and activities to stimulate your child's language and learning skills. Facilitated by Child Guidance staff, Cheryl Custer and Tracy Goebel. Please call 425-4412 to register. Cosponsor: OCCHD.

Teen Tech Month: V-SIFT GameFest Mar 10 | Thur | 4-5:30p **Teens**



Come get your video game on! From the Wii to

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PS2 to Game Cube, we've got you covered! V-SIFT (Village-Something Interesting For Teens) meets every second Thursday of the month, and there's a new activity each month. Snacks are always provided; please pre-register by calling 755-0710 or stopping by the information desk.

LEGO Club Mar 11 | Fri | 1-3p All ages

Come have fun building with LEGOs!

Child Development Screening Mar 17 | Thur | 1-5p Birth 5 yrs w/parent



Child Guidance is offering developmental and speech/language screenings @ the libraries once again! A developmental screening is a very general look at how children are doing compared to other children the same age. At a screening appointment, your child's developmental progress will be assessed. Any questions or concerns you may have about your child's development or behavior will be discussed. Information about upcoming stages and home activities will be given. Screenings will include a small fee. To schedule your screening appointment, please call OCCHD, Child Guidance @ 405-425-4412.

Fun to Be Four Mar 17 | Thur | 6-7:30p For parents & caregivers of young children



Learn more about your fascinating four-yearold child. This workshop will focus on the characteristics of four year old children and

how we can assist in their overall development. Facilitated by Sarita Naegeli. Please call 425-4412 to register. Cosponsor: OCCHD.

Computer Basics Mar 17 | 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.

Manding Jata presents Music of Mali, West Africa Mar 18 | Fri | 10-11a All ages



Manding Jata features the music and oral traditions of the Mande speaking people of West Africa dating back to 13th century Mali. Members of Manding Jata, Djeli Nyama, who are world-wide performers, are jali (hereditary musical people) musicians, singers, & drummers, who perform all over the world. The New York Times calls their music "distinctive. . . powerful and intimate. Manding Jata performs with gusto." Cosponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System, Oklahoma Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts.

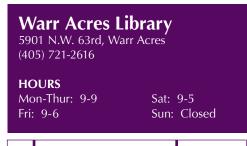
Book Discussion Group Mar 21 | Mon | 3-4p Adults

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.

Knitty Committee Mar 26 | Sat | 10a-Noon All ages

Interested in knitting or learning how to knit? Join the Knitty Committee on the 4th Saturday at 10am. Bring your yarn and join the fun! The recommended yarn for beginners is "variegated worsted weight" & size 7 or 8 needle.





Virtual Author Reading Program Mar 1-31 Ages 12-18



Celebrate teen tech month in a "novel"

way. Teens will read a book from a list of selected titles, and prepare a written summary. Participants may create "techie-type" audio or visual aids to present during our book talk on March 31. Each entrant will receive a prize. Visit the information desk, or call 721-2616 for more details.

Story Time for Preschoolers Mar 1,15,29 | Tue 10:30-11:15a Ages 2 1/2 to 6 years



Children will enjoy stories with Miss Alma and her puppets followed by fun activities and further exploration of the joy of science. Please pre-register.

ESL Classes Mar 2,7,9,21,23,28,30 Mon & Wed | 5:30-8p



Improve your English in this free class for people who are new to the English language. For questions and to register, call Oklahoma City Community College Adult Learning Center at 682-7873.

Tax Assistance on Mondays and Fridays Mar 4,11,18,25 | Fri | 9a-2:30p Mar 7,14,21,28 | Mon | 9a-2:30p Adults

AARP-trained volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2010 state and federal tax returns. No appointments—first come, first served. E-filing only. Cosponsor: AARP.

After School at Your Library Mar 7,21 | Mon | 4-5p Ages 10-16

Have fun with art! Work on creative projects and learn about different kinds of artistic expression. Supplies and refreshments will be provided. Contact Cheryl at 721-2616 for more information or to sign up. Cosponsor: presented by the Kirkpatrick Family Fund.

Build Your Own Business Mar 8 | Tue | 6-7:30p Adults

Explore the options of starting your own business with a representative from SCORE, the Service Corps of Retired Executives. Get essential questions answered about the process and the planning it takes to be a small business owner. Participants will learn about business plans, business structures, taxes, loans and much more. Call 721-2616 to register. Cosponsor: SCORE, Small Business Administration.

Play Time for Babies and Tots Mar 9,16,23,30 | Wed 9:15-10a Ages 8-30 months



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) Preregister at 721-2616.

Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me Mar 9,16,23,30 | Wed 10:30-11a

Infants to age 4 w/parents



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

your child. A different community resource professional will be available each week to answer your parenting questions. This free program is intended for infants through age four with their parents or guardians. Pre-register by calling the library or visiting the reference desk.

Child Guidance Screenings Mar 9 | Wed | 1-4:30p Ages birth to 5 years



A developmental screening is a very general look at how children are doing compared to other children the same age. At the screening, your child's developmental progress will be assessed. Questions or concerns you may have about your child's development or behavior will be discussed. Information about upcoming stages and home activities will be given. Screenings will include a small fee. To schedule your screening appointment, please call OCCHD Child Guidance @ 425-4412.

Children Reading to Dogs Mar 10 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p (Ages 6 years and older



Children will practice their reading skills while having fun with lovable dogs and their owners. All dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams by a national canine therapy organization. Please pre-register.

Warr Acres Book Club Mar 14 | Mon | 11a-Noon Adults

We have a murder story in March. The Warr Acres Book Club will discuss *Death at Glamis Castle*, a Victorian mystery by Robin Paige.

Manding Jata presents Music of Mali, West Africa Mar 16 | Wed | 2-3p arts All ages

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West Africa dating back to 13th century Mali. Members of Manding Jata, Djeli Nyama, who are world-wide performers, are jali (hereditary musical people) musicians, singers, & drummers, who perform all over the world. The New York Times calls their music "distinctive... powerful and intimate. Manding Jata performs with gusto." Cosponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System, Oklahoma Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts.

LEGO Club @ Your Library Mar 19 | Sat | 10:30-11:30a Ages 6-11

Young LEGO builders are invited to build with us. LEGO bricks are provided. Bring your team spirit. Sign up at the Information Desk.

Pajama Story Time for Preschoolers Mar 22 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

Ages 2 1/2 -6 years



Hop to the library for a fun time for you and your child. Rabbit stories and other activities will be presented by Miss Alma and her puppets. Snacks will be provided. Please call to pre-register and let us know of your child's eating limitations.

Video Game Night Mar 24 | Thur | 6:30-8p Ages 12-17



Shhh!! Games in the Library? Play Rockband, Wii, Mario, and more! We'll have snacks too. Please call to register 721-2616.

Kids' Video Games Mar 26 | Sat | 10:30-Noon Ages 8-11

Join us for fun games in our meeting room. Snacks provided. Sign up today.

Virtual Author Book Talk Mar 31 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p Ages 12-18



Teens who have read a book and written a summary for the Virtual Author Visit Program during March will gather and share. Participants may also prepare an audio or visual presentation to supplement their work as part of Teen Tech Month.





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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.

Dacre, Stoker and Ian Holt. *Dracula the Un-Dead*. FICTION/STO

Written by the great-grandnephew of *Dracula* author Bram Stoker, this sequel, with its rowdy action and alteration of the original characters, isn't for everyone, but Count Dracula has gone through so many fictional and cinematic permutations over the years, what's one more? It's been estimated that movies referencing the old boy have reached around 650, and over 200 of them feature the character himself.

James, Syrie. Dracula, My Love: The Secret Journals of Mina Harker FICTION/JAM

Bram Stoker described Count Dracula, at his most appealing, as "a tall old man, clean shaven save for a long white moustache, and clad in black from head to foot, without a single speck of colour about him anywhere." But still writer Syrie James makes him the hero of this romance suspense novel, one of many that overlook a vampire's least appetizing characteristics. If this is your goblet of wine, drink up.



We're here to serve you.

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

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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	

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