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Not many people outside a university setting read the 18th Century English poet William Cowper anymore, but he wrote in his poem “The Task” words that libraries take to heart:

“Variety’s the very spice of life, / That gives it all its flavour.”

And that’s why your Metropolitan Library System is so flavorsome this May. From a celebration of Free Comic Book Day on May 5 to the May 19 Legal Fair at the Ralph Ellison Library, and from the Oklahoma Fancy Dancers to the joys of quilting, May is the spiciest month.

So whether your pleasure is watching powwow champions that have formed a professional Native American dance troupe, or marveling at the creativity and skill necessary to create a beautiful quilt, or just the simple enjoyment of a free comic book, here it is.

If we haven’t got the right spice for you in May, your taste buds are asleep.





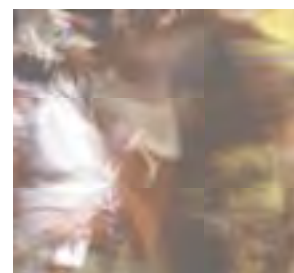
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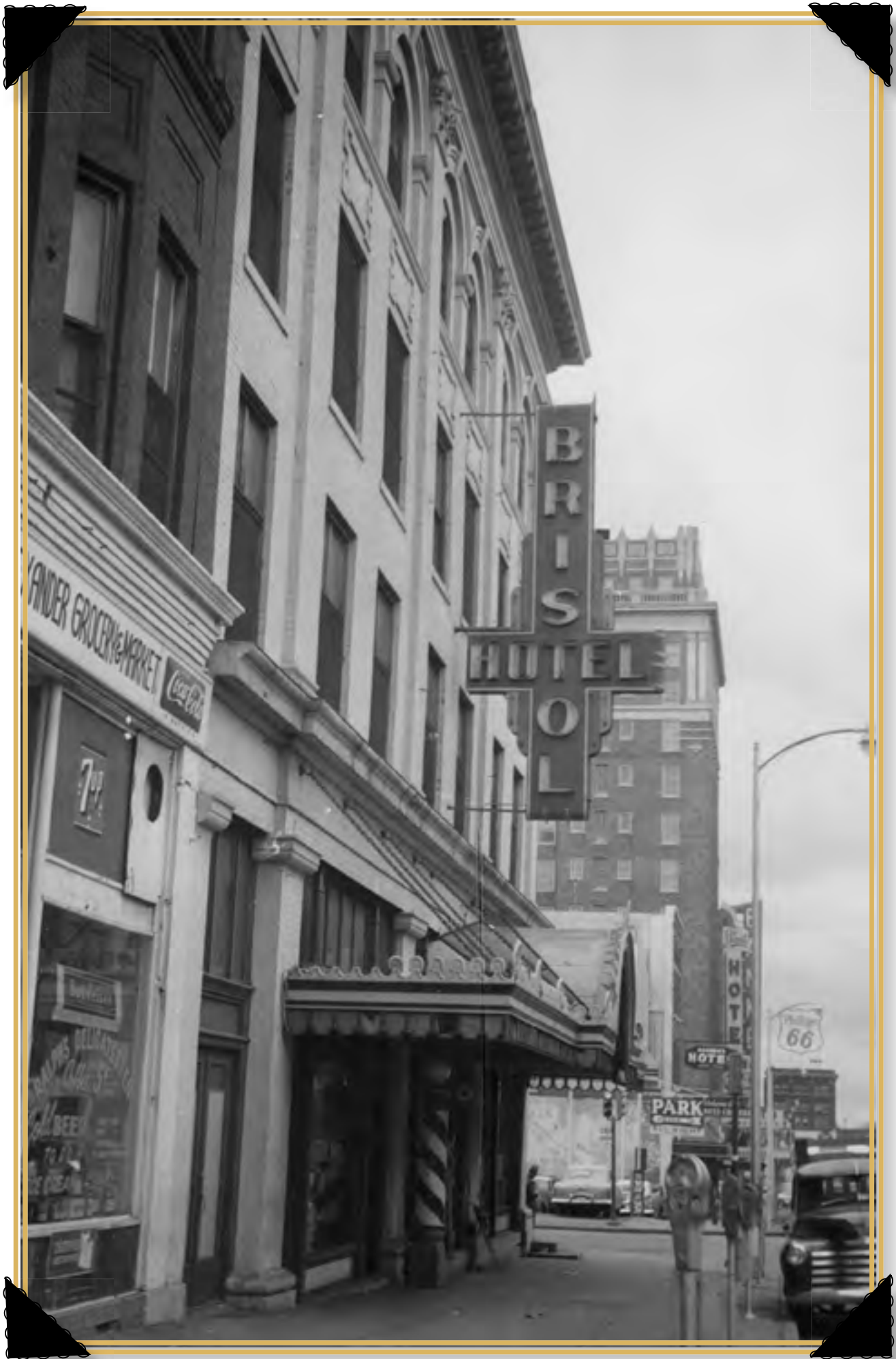
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WELCOME TO THE HOTEL OKLAHOMA

By Larry Johnson

Since its earliest days, Oklahoma City always had one Downtown hotel regarded as *the* place to stay. Sometimes, as today, more than one would compete, but one would usually win out and reign supreme for awhile. All the visiting dignitaries would stay there; all the best balls and proms would be held there; and all the biggest conventions would take place there. First was the Weaver and after that Henry Overholser's Grand Hotel; then on Easter Sunday, 1904, Dr. John Threadgill opened his Hotel Threadgill on the northeast corner of Broadway and Second.

When it opened, the Threadgill was the recipient of much hyperbolic praise. It was called the "finest in the southwest" and it was decreed there was no more extravagant place to stay west of Kansas City. With four stories, 14 suites and 163 rooms in addition to a bar, banquet hall, restaurant, and bakery it was as large as any other two Oklahoma City hotels combined. Rates were \$2.50 to \$5.00 per day (\$55-\$115 today) which included meals and a telephone in the room.

The palatial hotel was an instant hit among residents and made many feel as though

Oklahoma City had become an important city. Almost immediately, the state Republican Party based its operations there as did the federation of women's clubs. In 1905 an Army captain named John J. Pershing was stationed in the city and he made his home in the Threadgill before becoming a general and going off to fight Pancho Villa and the Kaiser. Hotel manager James Gibbs' daughter was another famous resident, but the world wouldn't know it for several years – she became actress Kay Francis, glamour girl of 1930s Hollywood.

The Threadgill only had a short time at the top. The Hotel Lee was built soon after at Main and Broadway and the two competed for a time before the Lee burned to the ground in 1908. But rising Phoenix-like from the ashes of the Lee was the Huckins and it was the grandest the city had ever seen. Finally, the arrival of the Skirvin at Park and Broadway in 1910 ended the Threadgill's run as a choice hotel in the city. Investors purchased it from Dr. Threadgill in 1913, remodeled it, and renamed it the Hotel Bristol.

Over the next decades, the Bristol mim-

icked the gradual decline of the Downtown core.

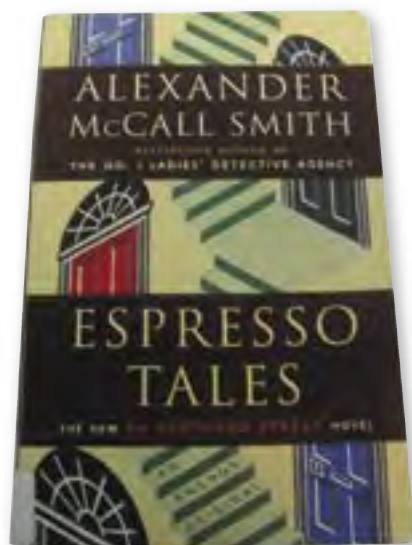
It transformed from a salesmen's hotel to cheap hotel apartments and by World War II, its reputation had eroded so much that area military bases declared it off-limits to soldiers and sailors because of the temptations it offered. By 1955, rates were \$1.00 per day (\$10 today) and the police broke up a sizeable marijuana ring operating in one of the rooms.

In this photo from 1957, looking south on Broadway, we can see the entrance to the Bristol with the victorious Skirvin just down the street. Just two weeks after the snapshot, the Bristol fell to the wrecking ball to be paved over as a parking lot. Today the Broadway-Kerr parking garage stands on the site.

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



Espresso Tales

By Alexander McCall Smith

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Reviewed by Christine Bassett

Fans of *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency* will also enjoy Alexander McCall Smith's 44 *Scotland Street* series. Originally published as weekly articles in *The Scotsman*, *Espresso Tales* is the second book about the quirky inhabitants of an apartment building in Edinburgh.

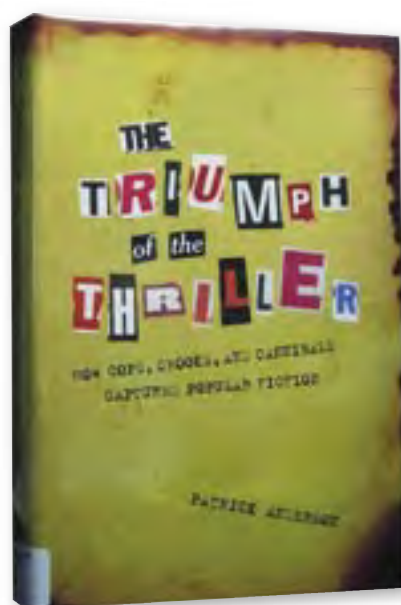
This is truly an enjoyable read. Not only does the reader become familiar with the streets of Edinburgh, but s/he also follows the ups and downs of the characters in the book. The chapters are arranged so that you spend two chapters reading about Bertie Pollock, the precocious six-year old, and then have to wait to find out what happens next while you follow the exploits of the owners of the coffee shop, the art gallery or the wine shop. This has its disadvantages, but the reader can always do what I did if

the suspense is too great- skip ahead a few chapters and then go back later for what you have missed.

I can hardly wait for book three in the series, *Love Over Scotland*, scheduled for U.S. publication in November, but meanwhile I'll savor some of McCall Smith's other books, including *Right Attitude to Rain* (an Isabel Dalhousie mystery) and *The Good Husband of Zebra Drive*, which is book eight in the *No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency* series.

A truly great book is worth the wait.

Christine Bassett moved to Oklahoma from England 10 years ago. Her background is in teaching but she graduated from OU in December with her MLIS.



The Triumph of the Thriller: How Cops, Crooks, and Cannibals Captured Popular Fiction

By Patrick Anderson

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ON THE SHELF

reviewed by Doug Bentin

Patrick Anderson is the thriller reviewer for *The Washington Post*, but his examination of the rise of the thriller in public esteem might address the topic more competently if he spent less time quoting his own reviews and more time investigating the history of popular fiction.

He writes, "... I was struck by the transformation in America's reading habits. I grew up with the blockbuster novels of the 1950s and 1960s. [that] explored sex, money, movie stars, war, religion, and exotic foreign lands but rarely concerned themselves with crime."

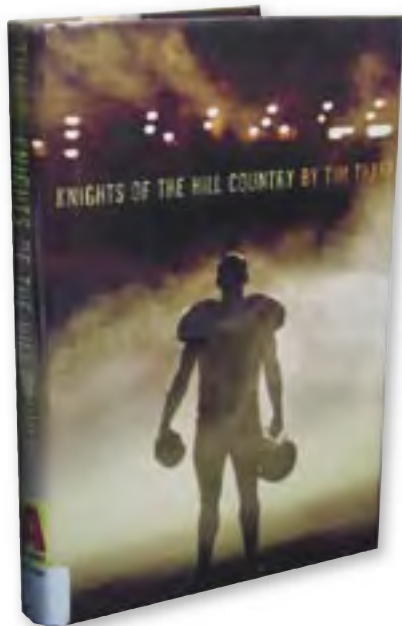
Whoa. Is Anderson saying that the notion of bestselling fiction began in the 1950s? His point is that mainstream fiction of the James Michener-Harold Robbins-Herman Wouk variety is the norm and that action stories of crime and violence are the patients that have

taken over the asylum that is the *New York Times* Bestseller List. I suspect it's just the other way around.

And who says thrillers have to be about crime? What about the great late Victorian and Edwardian adventure novels, and science fiction and fantasy? How can we say that the books of Arthur Conan Doyle, H. Rider Haggard, Jules Verne and H.G. Wells aren't thrilling?

The book's concept of the history of popular fiction is flawed, but anyone looking for a starting point into the contemporary crime thriller will find some great suggestions here.

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



Knights of the Hill Country

By Tim Tharp

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Reviewed by Christopher Carroll

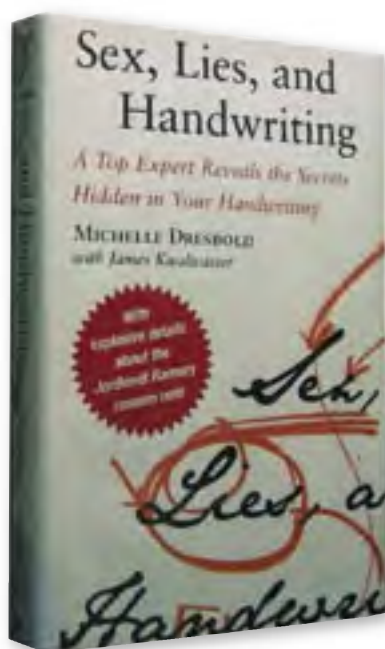
Hampton Green is an Oklahoma high school senior gifted with the rare ability to stop time. As the six-foot four-inch star linebacker for Kennisaw High, Hampton can control the circumstances between the chalk sidelines as well as any player in the state. The events outside those lines--and the issues of his friends, family and future-- remain stubbornly outside Hampton's ability to tackle.

Local author Tim Tharp's Oklahoma Book Award-winning *Knights of the Hill Country* invokes the fleeting mythology of small town high school football with all the veracity and local flavor of Buzz Bissinger's brilliant non-fiction book *Friday Night Lights*. Issues of class, race and sexuality emerge as Hampton is caught between the identity his town and teammates have outlined for him and an

uncertain future he might like to draw for himself.

The battle for Hampton's identity makes for gripping reading, and his first-person narration is delivered in an authentic eastern Oklahoma twang that gives his observations on the landscape and its people extra gravity. As he struggles to find a way to communicate beyond violent collisions on the football field, Hampton is forced to decide if there are higher goals in life than winning high school championships.

Christopher Carroll is a circulation clerk at the Capitol Hill Library and is currently attending the Master of Library and Information Science program at the University of Oklahoma. He has a list of books he someday plans to read that is 29 pages long at the time of this writing.



Sex, Lies, and Handwriting: A Top Expert Reveals the Secrets Hidden in Your Handwriting

By Michelle Dresbold with James Kwalwasser

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ON THE SHELF

Reviewed by Jana Hausburg

"Handwriting analysis is an amazingly accurate tool. It reveals how a writer thinks, feels, and acts. In fact, handwriting analysis is so accurate that the FBI, CIA, and Mossad use it to build detailed psychological profiles of some of the world's most dangerous criminals."

According to my signature I am outgoing, like to be noticed, and am obsessed with death. (At least, that's what I concluded after reading through Dresbold's mini-course on handwriting analysis.) Well, two out of three ain't bad.

I've always been leery of handwriting analysis, dismissing it as pseudo-science, but when I read that the United States Secret Service has something called an Advanced Document Examination training program,

I was curious. Was there really something to this? Maybe so.

Dresbold keeps the reader intrigued and entertained, using the handwriting of cheaters, politicians, killers, and criminals to demonstrate how a single sentence can offer insights into one's background, psychology, and behavior. She looks at Lizzie Borden's handwriting, the JonBenet Ramsey ransom note, and Jack the Ripper's "From Hell" letter. Her conclusions are compelling and a little creepy.

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



Reviews & Recommendations



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

Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge

By Mem Fox

Reviewed by Kelley Riha

"Little kids are as bright as buttons..."

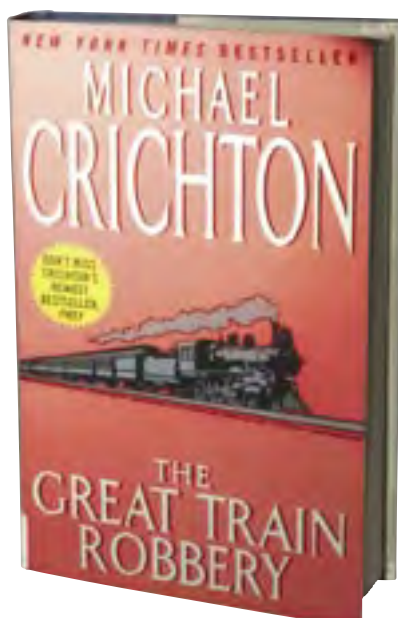
—Mem Fox

Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox is a children's book suited for the whole family. With beautiful water-color images, readers meet Wilfred, a small boy who lives with his parents next to a retirement home. The old folks help Wilfred understand the world as it is. The theme is acceptance; the trouble is Alzheimer's disease.

But who would write a children's book about Alzheimer's? Mem Fox, that's who—passionate and caring about her readers; the kind of writer, teacher, parent who is not about to back down from a teaching moment. In each of her books there is trouble of some kind and Fox subtly incorporates a valuable personal trait that encourages children without preaching at them. The illustrations are colorful, the characters genuine and the text rhymes and repeats like lyrical music.

Last year Fox spoke in Oklahoma City and as the audience of parents and teachers waited for her to begin, she chose to read out loud a worn over-sized copy of *Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge*. Her enthusiasm while reading and the depth of the heart-warming story were breath-taking. Afterwards, she signed the inside cover of that tattered book, 'Love to children of all ages! Mem Fox xxx'. She meant every word.

Check out Mem Fox's numerous books from the MLS collection and listen to her read, go to www.memfox.com.



The Great Train Robbery

By Michael Crichton



Reviewed by Christine Bassett

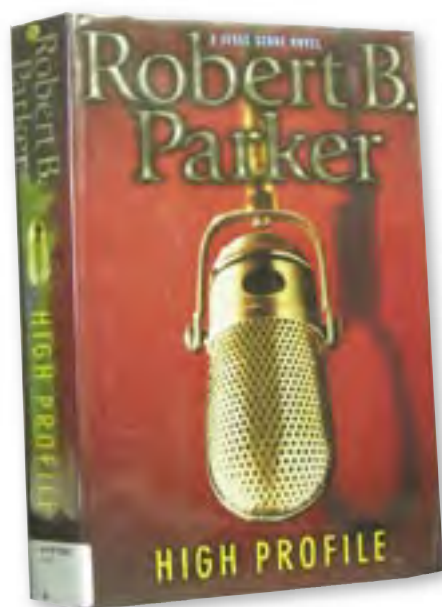
Fans of Michael Crichton will be delighted to discover the little known narrative *The Great Train Robbery* published in 1975.

I thoroughly enjoyed this fascinating read about the plan masterminded by Edward Pierce in 1855 to steal the gold off a train on its way to France. The gold was going to be used to pay the English soldiers in the Crimean War.

In those days, before the discovery of dynamite, the only way to break into a safe was by getting copies of the safe keys. In

this case, four separate keys were needed to steal the gold. The characters are well developed, and as the plot unravels Pierce and his accomplices have to overcome numerous obstacles to get the gold.

This must be my favorite Crichton novel as I couldn't stop reading it until I found out what happened to Pierce and whether he got away with the gold. Highly recommended.



High Profile

By Robert B. Parker

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ON THE SHELF

Reviewed by Doug Bentin

Robert B. Parker has always been a junior version of Raymond Chandler—he's not alone in that, of course, but he's been more successful at it than most.

His sixth Jesse Stone novel is *High Profile*, in which a Libertarian radio/TV talk show host and newspaper columnist is found hanging from a tree. He'd been shot a few days before he was strung up. Nasty. The same day, the corpse's new girl friend is found dead in a dumpster behind Jesse's favorite diner. She too had been waiting around before being disposed of in this semi-public manner. Also nasty.

A handful of suspects are introduced but only a couple of them are made to look suspicious so you know either that one of them will turn out to be the killer or Parker

is trying to pull a fast one by introducing someone or something late in the story.

The book contains serious stuff, like Stone's relationship with his ex-wife—they know they're not good for each other but they're still sort of in love—and his maybe budding romance and definite drinking problem.

Parker's strength is his dialogue. It's clever, sometimes laugh out loud funny, but Stone is funny just for the sake of being funny.

So *High Profile* turns out to be pretty much like many mysteries that have morphed into serious "crime novels." It's an entertaining read because of its humor, but not much of a whodunit.



This is Paradise! My North Korean Childhood

By Hyok Kang with Philippe Grangereau

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ON THE SHELF

Reviewed by Jana Hausburg

"At first, hunger is a torture ... Your stomach becomes a thousand times more important than your conscience. You rob ruthlessly, you would even kill. It's that or certain death, the big black hole dug with a spade on the side of the mountain."

Few eyewitness accounts are available about day-to-day life in North Korea, one of the world's most closed and secretive nations. Hyok Kang opens a window into what passes for "normal" in a country ruled by propaganda, famine, public executions, labor camps, starvation.

When things became unbearable, Hyok Kang and his parents risked an illegal border crossing into China and made

their way to South Korea. Meeting up with journalist Philippe Grangereau, who recognized the importance of the boy's shattering testimony, the two collaborated on a retelling of everyday life in North Korea, focusing not only on the horrific but on the ordinary as well: hunting rats with friends, composing rebellious songs, drawing. Still, it is the grotesque aspects that make for the most compelling reading: the denunciations, executions as entertainment, and cannibalism.

In an era of heightened fear, *This is Paradise* manages to put a face to the terrible human tragedy happening in North Korea.



Online Databases = Basic Data

There was a time when your neighborhood library was the only game in town when it came to finding hard-to-locate information.

No Internet. No out of town newspapers. No cable TV channels. If you wanted to know how many Hershey's Kisses rolled off the assembly lines in one day, you had to write to the company in Pennsylvania and wait for the answer.

(The answer is 80 million a day. That's 842,105 pounds of milk chocolate, or 204,444,444 calories—but once you've eaten the first 50,000, you'll probably quit counting.)

Now you can find quirky information like this with a quick Internet search, but some things are still hard to find even on the net, and when you do locate what you think you need there's no guarantee that the information will be dependable.

And that's where the databases your library subscribes to come in handy. The data they contain is up to date, easily accessible, and free of bias. Let's take a quick look at just three of the many areas of information you can locate through a library database.

There it is, at last. You finally found a car just like the first one you ever owned—a 1954 Volkswagen Beetle. You bought it and your family thinks you're crazy because they figure you'll never get it to run. What you know that they don't is that you can access the *Autorepair Reference Center* from the MLS website. Click on the databases tab, and find "Auto

Repair." Now click on "1954" and you're on your way. The database contains auto repair information going back to 1945 and up to today--and from everything from your 1954 Volkswagen Beetle to your 2006 Ford Mustang.

But you're not a shade tree auto mechanic. If you're going to sit under a tree, you want a good book in your hand and not a wrench. What's good? Take a look at *Novelist*, a database that helps you find a good novel.

Say you're a big fan of Tony Hillerman's mystery series about a Navajo tribal policeman. You click on the "For Readers" tab, then on "Author Read-alikes." Find Hillerman and *Novelist* suggests some other writers who work similar ground.

And don't forget that you can locate just about anything you need to know about business, too. Choose "Business & Financial" and go to "Business Source Elite" for everything from newspapers to Medline.

Saying a world of information is at your fingertips via our online databases is no exaggeration. Pull up a chair, log on to our website, www.metrolibrary.org, and start learning.

Oh, and nine Kisses is considered a serving, so as long as you don't want more than 8,888,889 servings a day, you shouldn't get hungry.





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Belle Isle Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6



English as a Second Language

May 1 | Tue | 9a-Noon

Adults



Ongoing enrollment with Mid-Del Learning Center. Improve your English speaking, reading, and writing skills in this free class for people who are new to the English language. For questions and to register, call Mid-Del Learning Center at 739-1783.

Family Place:

1-2-3 Play with Me!

May 3,10,17,24 | Thur
10-11a



Ages 10 Months-3 1/2 Years

Playing with your baby is not only important for bonding but is also an educational experience for your child. We are providing a special time and place for you to come to the library and spend one-on-one time playing with your child. A different community resource professional will be available each week to answer your parenting questions. This program is intended for children 10 months

to 3 1/2 years of age and their parents/guardians. Please pre-register for this program at the Reference Desk.

Free Comic Book Day

May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p

Teens



Teens

Pick up a free comic book at any MLS library on Free Comic Book Day. Supplies are limited. Call 606-3834 for more information. Co-sponsor: Ultimate Heroes Comics.

Score Small Business Counseling

May 5,19 | Sat | 9a-Noon

Adults

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

Oklahoma Fancy Dancers

May 5 | Sat | 2-3p

All Ages



The Oklahoma Fancy Dancers are a group of powwow champions that come together to form a professional and highly acclaimed Native American dance troupe. All dancers are enrolled tribal members, most of whom are full-blood, representing various tribes. The dancers wear traditional top-quality award-winning regalia. The group presents a wide range of traditional information, including hoop and fancy dancing. Widely known for the educational elements of their performances, the Oklahoma Fancy Dancers have traveled the world and earned a stellar reputation for excellence and authenticity. Co-sponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.

Developmental Screenings

May 10 | Thur

9:30a-4:30p

Ages 1 month-5 years



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

Spiritful Voices

May 13 | Sun | 3-4p

All Ages



Spiritful Voices Choir, an adult choir who performs in many places around Oklahoma City, will celebrate spring in this free concert.

Toilet Learning Readiness

May 17 | Thur | 5-6p

Parents



Come and learn how you can help your child succeed in this exciting developmental milestone. We will discuss signs of toilet readiness, how to offer support and encouragement without overdoing it, and what to do about accidents. Facilitated by Katherine Broekhuysen. Register at 425-4412. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Dept.

Metro OKC Knit Guild Group

May 20 | Sun | 3-5p

Teens & Adults

The Metro OKC Knit Guild group meets at Belle Isle Library. Everyone—any knitter or a person who's never knitted, but would like to learn—is welcome. Each monthly program includes a lesson of a new knitting technique and examples of charity knitting projects.

For questions about the group, e-mail the guild at metrookcknitguild@cox.net. or call 812-4770. Please sign up at the Reference Desk for the meeting.

Vacation Road Trip

May 22 | Tue | 10-10:45a
Pre-kindergarten

Take a road trip through vacation stories. Playtime will follow. Pre-register with Belle Isle Reference Desk or call 843-9601.



Bethany Library

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

HOURS

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



The Children's Hour: Evening Story Time

May 1 | Tue | 6:30-7p
Ages 3-8

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



Spring Story Time

May 3 | Thur | 10-10:45a
Ages 3-6

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



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Teens

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Cinco de Mayo

May 5 | Sat | 2-3p
All Ages

South of the border music for this Mexican holiday.



"Centennial Stitches—Oklahoma History in Quilts" Trunk Show

May 10 | Thur | 6:30-8p
All Ages

For Mother's day, Judy Howard with Buckboard Quilts will present this program showing quilts honoring Oklahoma's history and its women. Limited seating is available. Special refreshments served after the program.

Oklahoma Fancy Dancers

May 17 | Thur
6:30-7:30p
All Ages

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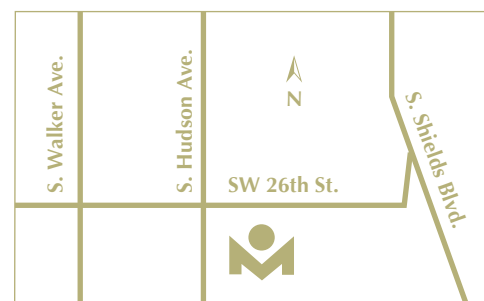
Capitol Hill Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



After School Cool

May 1,8,15,22 | Tue | 4-5p
Ages 11-16

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



Chronicles of Narnia

May 3 | Thur
5:30-7:30p
Ages 13-18

Join us for an evening of discussion followed by a showing of *The Chronicles of Narnia*.



Snacks will be provided. For more information, call 634-6308.

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Pets for Life

May 19 | Sat | 3-4p
All Ages

Presents information on providing the proper care for owning animals, and the humane standards in the treatment of pets.

Co-sponsor: Volunteers for Animal Welfare.

Capitol Hill Advisory of Teens

May 31 | Thur | 6-7p
Ages 12-18

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

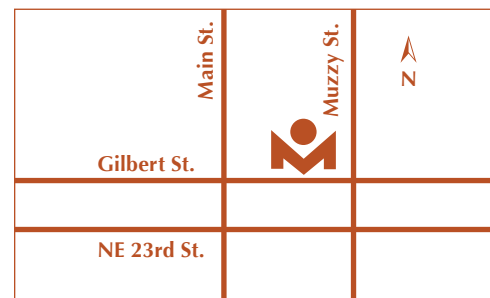


Choctaw Library

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

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



Lapsit for Babies

May 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.



Preschool Story Time

May 1,8,15,22,29 | Tue
10:30-11a

Ages 3-5 years

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



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Choctaw Library continued

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May 1,3,8,10,15,17,22,24
Tue & Thur | Noon-2p
Adults



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

Free Comic Book Day
May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p
Teens



Pick up a free comic book at any MLS library on Free Comic Book Day. Supplies are limited. Call 606-3834 for more information. Co-sponsor: Ultimate Heroes Comics.

Developmental Screenings
May 7 | Mon | 9:30a-3:30p
Ages Birth-5 Years
with Parent



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

Plant, Flower, Shrub and Tree Care
May 8 | Tue | 6-7:30p
Adults

Amy Brothers, horticulture educator with OSU Extension will present tips and techniques on keeping your flowers, shrubs and trees in tip top shape. Free. Pre-registration required. Co-sponsor: OSU Extension.

Teen Advisory Board
May 10 | Thur | 6-7p
Grades 7-12



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

Family Place Open Play
May 12 | Sat | 10-11a
6 months to 5 years
with parent



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

Summer Volunteer Training
May 15 | Tue | 3:30-4:30p
Ages 12-17



Teens
 Wanted: Teen Volunteers. The Choctaw Library needs Teen Volunteers to help with their Summer at the Library Reading Program. A few of the benefits to being a Teen Volunteer include volunteer credits for honor students and being able to add your volunteer time on a job application or resumé. If you are interested, please sign up and plan to attend the Volunteer Training Session. Call 390-8418 for more information. Bring a friend!

Insect and Disease Control
May 22 | Tue | 6-7p
Adults

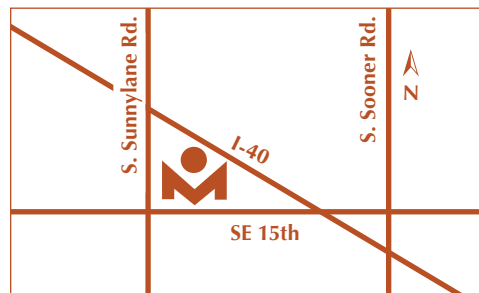
Amy Brothers, Horticulture Educator with OSU Extension will lead this seminar with methods and tips of controlling common garden bugs, vermin and disease that affect plants. Free. Pre-registration required. Co-sponsor: OSU Extension.

Del City Library

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

HOURS

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



Internet and Database Search Competition

Apr 2 - May 1
Library Hours
All Ages



Are you good at finding information on the Internet? Do you like searching databases? Put your knowledge to the test and you could win prizes. First prize is a flash drive. Come by the Del City Library and pick up your search contest questionnaire. See if you can answer all the questions correctly by May 1. Call 672-1377 for more information.

Basic Computer Training
May 1,15,22 | Tue
6:30-7:30p

May 11 | Fri | 2-3p
May 24 | Thur | 2-3p
All Ages



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

Celebrating the Oklahoma Centennial: More Animal Stories

May 3 | Thur | 6:30-7:15p
Ages 4-8



The library continues celebrating the Oklahoma Centennial with More Animal Stories. There will be stories plus other animal activities. Join the fun!

Free Comic Book Day
May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p
Teens



Pick up a free comic book at any MLS library on Free Comic Book Day. Supplies are limited. Call 606-3834 for more information. Co-sponsor: Ultimate Heroes Comics.

Family Place:

1-2-3 Play with Me!
May 7 | Mon | 10-11a

Ages 10 Months-3 1/2 Years



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

Tat and Chat

May 9,23 | Wed | 3:30-4:30p
Adults

Join Del City Library page Rebecca to learn how to make lace with thread. Tatting is called "Frvolité" by the French because of its delicate appearance. If you are creative and crafty, you may enjoy exploring the art of tatting. The library will supply materials, but feel free to bring your favorite threads. Call 672-1377 to pre-register.

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PROFESSIONAL AND HIGHLY
ACCLAIMED NATIVE
AMERICAN DANCE TROUPE



Oklahoma Fancy Dancers

The Fancy Dance was created as entertainment and although it does not belong to any one tribe, it was started in Oklahoma and is now performed all over the United States.

The Fancy Dance is a much faster dance than traditional tribal dances requiring the dancer to be extremely physically fit. Oklahoma Fancy Dancers is led by an elder who will share his knowledge of the historical origin and significance of each dance.

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| Sat, May 5 | 2pm | Belle Isle Library |
| Sun, May 6 | 2pm | Downtown Library |
| Sat, May 12 | 2pm | The Village Library <i>(held at The Village Fair at Casady Square)</i> |
| Thur, May 17 | 6:30pm | Bethany Library |
| Sat, May 19 | 2pm | Edmond Library |
| Sun, May 20 | 2pm | Midwest City Library |
| Mon, May 21 | 10:30pm | Southern Oaks Library |
| | 6:30pm | Del City Library |

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

Sponsored by



Free Admission

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Preschool Health Screenings

May 14 | Mon

9:30a-3:30p

Ages 1 month-5 years

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



Text Mosaic

May 15 | Tue | 6-7:30p

Teens

Come and tap into your inner artist. We will be creating pictures by using small pieces of magazine text.



Oklahoma Fancy Dancers

May 21 | Mon

6:30-7:30p

All Ages

The Oklahoma Fancy Dancers are a group of powwow champions that come together to form a professional and highly acclaimed Native American dance troupe. All dancers are enrolled tribal members, most of whom are full-blood, representing various tribes. The dancers wear traditional top-quality award-winning regalia. The group presents a wide range of traditional information, including hoop and fancy dancing. Widely known for the educational elements of their performances, the Oklahoma Fancy Dancers have traveled the world and earned a stellar reputation for excellence and authenticity. Co-sponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.



Woody Guthrie Discussion

May 29 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

Adults

Celebrate Oklahoma's centennial by learning about one of Oklahoma's greatest sons, Woody Guthrie. Professor Regina Bennett from Oklahoma City University will be at the library to discuss Woody Guthrie, his music, and the book *Bound for Glory*. Call 672-1377 to pre-register.



Celebrate Summer

With Magic Dad

May 30 | Wed | 10-10:45a

All Ages

Start your summer right! The Magic Dad entertains with fun and sleight of hand. Marty Ludlum is The Magic Dad.

Downtown Library

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

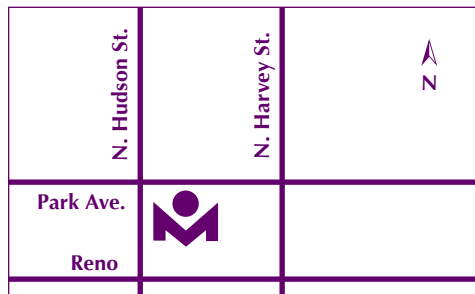
HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-9

Fri: 9-6

Sat: 9-5

Sun: 1-6



Free Comic Book Day Movie/Discussion

May 3 | Thur | 6-8p

All Ages

Free Comic Book day is May 5, join the Downtown Library as it welcomes comic book guru Rob Vollmar. We will be showing the PG-13 film *The Fantastic Four* and Rob will discuss the issue of creator rights and the comics of the 60s. Please register at 606-3876 or sign up at the Information Desk on the first floor.

P.M. Play Time

May 3 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p

Ages 1-5 with parent

Join us for fun with toys and friends. Also included are a simple craft and a story. During snack, there will be a short discussion on the parenting topic of the month. Meets monthly each first Thursday evening. Call to register at ext. 4.



Free Comic Book Day

May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p

Teens

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Oklahoma Fancy Dancers

May 6 | Sun | 2-3p

All Ages

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performances, the Oklahoma Fancy Dancers have traveled the world and earned a stellar reputation for excellence and authenticity. Co-sponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.

E-mail Basics

May 9 | Wed | 3-4p

Adults

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



"Centennial Stitches—Oklahoma History in Quilts" Trunk Show

May 12 | Sat | 2-3p

Adults

Judy Howard presents this Centennial Quilt Show to honor Oklahoma Women who have given of themselves and helped build our great state. A small gift will be given to each mother attending and refreshments will be served. Registration required. 606-3879.

McEvilly: Piano Concert for Everyone

May 13 | Sun | 2-3p

All Ages

Wayne McEvilly at the Steinway piano performs his program Joy of Mozart (dedicated to Mozart's mother). Fourth floor, 46th Star auditorium.



Star Wars 30th Anniversary Celebration

May 16 | Wed | 5-8p

All Ages

"May the force be with you." Join the Downtown Library as we celebrate the 30th anniversary of one of the best movies ever made. It's classic good versus evil, but with droids and light sabers! So come dressed up as your favorite *Star Wars* character, eat food and watch the original *Star Wars* movie on the big screen. Register at the Information Desk on the first floor or call 606-3879.

Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County

May 17 | Thur | 3:30-5p

Downtown Library
300 Park Ave., OKC, OK 73102
405.231.8650

The public is welcome to attend.



**Lunchtime Learning:
Introduction to the U.S.
Bureau of Labor Statistics
May 18 | Fri | Noon-1p
Adults**



The Oklahoma Department of Libraries and Metropolitan Library System present Lunchtime Learning. Learn to navigate and utilize the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' web site. Please Call the Downtown Library Information Desk at 606-3879 for further information.

**Basics of Buying on eBay
May 19 | Sat | 2-4p
Seniors**



This hands-on class will provide new users the fundamental skills and tools needed to be successful buyers on eBay. **PREREQUISITE:** Basic computer and Internet skills. Please pre-register at 606-3856.

**Links Kid's Dance Theater
May 20 | Sun | 3-4p
All Ages**



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

**Basic Instruction For
Computer Users
May 22 | Tue | 1-2:30p
Adults**



Learn basic computer skills including creating, saving, and printing a document. Classes are held in the Route 66 Computer Lab at the Downtown Library. Registration is required. Please register at the Downtown Library Information Desk or call 606-3879.

**Downtown Library at the
Movies
May 23,30 | Wed | 5:30-8p
All Ages**

Star Wars celebrates its 30th Anniversary this year! Join the Downtown Library in watching *The Empire Strikes Back* and *Return of the Jedi*. Wear a costume if you have one and you're brave! Food and drinks will be provided. Movie dates are:

May 23 - *The Empire Strikes Back*

May 30 - *Return of the Jedi*

Please register for each movie at the 1st floor Information Desk or call 606-3879.

**Teen Advisory Board
May 29 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p
Ages 11-18**



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

Edmond Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6

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

**Pez Dispenser Display
May 1-31 | Library Hours
All Ages**

During May come by the small display case at the Edmond Library and see a fantastic Pez dispenser display. It includes a large range of sizes and a fun variety of styles.

GED

**May 1,3,8,10,15
Tue & Thur | 5:30-8:30p
Adults**



In this GED class review math, English, and social studies to prepare for the GED test. Class and materials are free. Sign up with instructor on the first day you attend class. Must be at least 16 to attend. Questions? Call Mid-Del at 739-1783. Co-sponsor: Mid-Del Adult Learning Center.

55+ Coffee Break

**May 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed | 9:30-11a
Seniors**

Come to the Edmond Library for a coffee break made just for you. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be served along with light refreshments. Mingle and talk about your favorite books, work on our puzzle, play

chess, checkers, Chinese checkers or bring your own game. We will have some books on a cart for you to browse and check out. This is a come-and-go event. Please sign our guest book and sign up for the door prize drawings.

**Computer Instruction
with Jonathan
May 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed
1-5p**



Ages 18 & Older

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

**English as a Second Language
May 7,9,14,16
Mon & Wed | 1-4p
Adults**



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

**ESL/Citizenship
May 7,9,14,16
Mon & Wed
5:30-8:30p**



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

**Computer Instruction
with Dave
May 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed
7-8p**



Ages 18 & Older

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

**Free Comic Book Day
May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p
Teens**



Pick up a free comic book at any MLS library on Free Comic Book Day. Supplies are limited. Call 606-3834 for more information. Co-sponsor: Ultimate Heroes Comics.

**Stamp Club
May 5,19 | Sat | 10a-Noon
Grade 4-Up**

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

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Farsi
May 6,13,20 | Sun
1:30-2:30p
Adults & Teens



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

Parachute Play
May 7 | Mon | 9:30-10a
Ages 3-6 with Parents



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

Story Time
May 7,14,21 | Mon
10-10:30a
Ages 3-6



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

Chess Class for Kids
May 8,22 | Tue | 3:30-5p
Ages 7 and older—grade school

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

Music With Susan
May 11,25 | Fri | 9:30-10a
May 11,25 | Fri 10:15-10:45a
Ages 2-3



Join Susan for musical fun & activities selected just for this age group. Registration begins May 1 for the May 11 session, and May 15 for the May 25 session. Call 341-9282, ext. 4.

Music With Susan
May 11,25 | Fri | 11-11:30a
Ages 4-6



Join Susan for musical fun & activities selected just for this age group. Registration begins May 1 for the May 11 session, and May 15 for the May 25 session. Call 341-9282, ext. 4.

“Centennial Stitches—Oklahoma History in Quilts” Trunk Show
May 12 | Sat | 10-11a
Adults

Judy Howard, well-known owner of Buckboard Antiques will present a quilt trunk show in honor of Mother's Day. Enjoy and appreciate these carefully stitched treasures, and hear the traditional Oklahoma stories that go along with them. A perfect treat for Mother's Day. Each participant will receive a small gift. Light refreshments will be served following the program. Pre-register by calling 341-9282.

Mother's Day Story Time with Angela
May 12 | Sat
10:30-11:15a
Ages 4-6



What is Mother's Day? How do we celebrate? Angela will read a story and children will make a gift to honor and recognize their mother (grandmother, aunts, etc.) The children will create attractive homemade bath salts. Pre-register starting April 23.

Readers' Choice Book Discussion Group
May 12 | Sat | 2-3:30p
Seniors

The Readers' Choice Book Discussion group meets once a month at the Edmond Library. The title for this month is *Angel and Apostle* by Deborah Noyes. Please call 341-9282 to register after April 14. (Limited to 15.)

Strings in Stereo—Mid-America Strings
May 12| Sat | 2-3p
All Ages



Featuring music of Broadway and beyond. All performers in Strings in Stereo are members of the Oklahoma City Philharmonic. Featured performers are Debbie McDonald and Laura Young, violin, Donna Cain, viola and John Schimek, bass. For more information call 341-9282. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Philharmonic.

Edmond Library Book Bunch Discussion Group
May 12 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon
Seniors

The Edmond Book Bunch meets once a month at the Edmond Library. The book for this month is *Clara Callan* by Richard B. Wright. Please call 341-9282 to register after April 14. (Limited to 15.)

Autism Support Group
May 14 | Mon | 7-9p
Adults



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

Shirley Wilson's Art Journals
May 16 | Wed | 10-11a
All Ages



Artist Shirley Wilson will instruct this workshop on black & white drawing. It is the last in a year long series of classes. Come at 9:30 a.m. for Coffee Break before class begins.

Oklahoma Fancy Dancers
May 19 | Sat | 2-3p
All Ages



The Oklahoma Fancy Dancers are a group of powwow champions, a professional and highly acclaimed Native American dance troupe. All dancers are enrolled tribal members, most of whom are full-blood, representing various tribes. The dancers wear traditional top-quality award-winning regalia. The group presents a wide range of traditional information, including hoop and fancy dancing. Widely known for the educational elements of their performances, the Oklahoma Fancy Dancers have traveled the world and earned a stellar reputation for excellence and authenticity. Co-sponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.

My Kid is Smarter Than Yours
May 23 | Wed | 2:30-4p
Adults



All workshops are for parents, grandparents and child care providers of children birth to 6 years. Child care is not provided—adults only, please. Do you sometimes notice that the child down the street is better at sports than your child? Do you think your child should be talking more because the other 2 ½ year olds you know do? Does your child seem to be taller or shorter than other children his age? Comparing the development of children is risky business if you're not sure what you're looking for. Let's talk about the broad range of normal and how to encourage the unique interests of your child. Call 425-4412 to pre-register. Facilitated by Robyn Sears. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Dept.

Harrah Library

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

HOURS

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

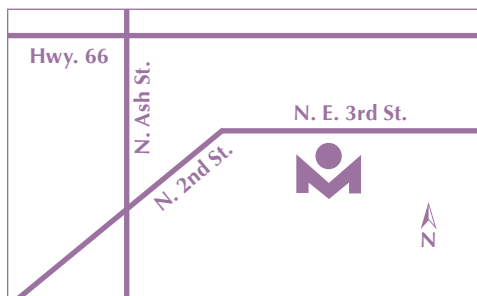


Luther Library

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

HOURS

Mon & Wed: 9-5 Fri: 10-5
Tue Thur & Sun: Closed Sat: 9-1



Type to Discover Your Parenting Strengths, by Janet Penley. Participants must bring \$15.00 in cash or check to cover the cost of the book and the personality inventory. To register for this program, please contact Sarita Naegeli at the Oklahoma City-County Health Department at 425-4412.

GameFest

May 1 | Tue | 4:30-6:30p
Ages 11-18



Teens

Join us at Midwest City Library for GameFest where you can grab a controller and test your video gaming skills against others. Go head-to-head with games like Dance Dance Revolution, Guitar Hero and Mario Kart Double Dash. Please pre-register by calling 732-4828.

Free Comic Book Day

May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p

Teens



Teens

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Free Comic Book Day

May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p

Teens



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Jones Library

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

HOURS

Tue & Thur: 9:30-5:30 Sat: 1-5
Mon Wed Fri & Sun: Closed

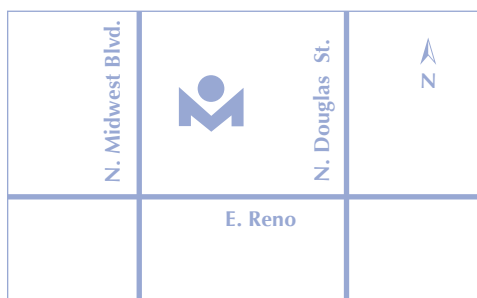


Midwest City Library

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

HOURS

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



Mid-Del Toastmasters

May 1,8,15,22,29 | Tue | 6-8p

Adults 18-Older

If you are like most people, public speaking is not your favorite pastime. Surveys show that presentation skills are crucial to success in the work place. Toastmasters International provides a way to practice & hone the communication & leadership skills of its members. To learn more or to register, contact Jackie Wright at (405) 808-6834 or Dan O'Neil at (405) 204-7154. Co-sponsor: Mid-Del Toastmasters.

Preschool Story Time

May 2,9 | Wed

10-10:40a

Ages 3-5 Years



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

Scottish Gaelic Language

Learner's Group

May 2,16,30 | Wed

7-8:30p

Adults and Age 10 & Older



Come learn this ancient and fascinating language with the Scottish Gaelic Language Learner's Group. Beginning students will benefit from observing language lessons and interaction of advanced students. Interested? Questions? Call Judy Durbin at 737-5140 or Barry Acker at 361-1185.

Free Comic Book Day

May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p

Teens



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Parenting Naturally

May 1,8,15 | Tue

10-11:30a

Adults



Join us for a fun parenting class! Did you know that there's no one right way to be a good parent? In this program, you will discover how your personality affects your parenting style and the strengths of your style. Understanding your parenting style will help you make the most of your strengths and help you understand why others parent differently. You will complete a personality inventory to help you identify your strengths and receive the book *Mother Styles—Using Personality*

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Computer Basics for Adults & Seniors

May 3 | Thur | 9:30-11:30a
Adults and Seniors



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

AARP Driving Safety Course

May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p
Licensed Drivers Age 16 and Older

Attention ALL LICENSED drivers! If you want to learn how to be a better driver AND save money on your monthly insurance premiums, come attend the AARP "55 Drive Alive" Defensive Drivers Safety Course and become eligible for a discount on your monthly automobile insurance premium. The State of Oklahoma authorizes a discount lasting 3 years for ANY licensed driver aged 16 and older who successfully completes a defensive driver's course. Space for the program is limited so please pre-register at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828, extension 3. Each participant must bring \$10 in cash or check payable to AARP for course materials. This is a great program for all drivers in a family to attend together!

Free Comic Book Day

May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p
Teens



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Community Quilting Class with Soldier Creek Quilting Group

May 7,14,21
Mon | 9:15a-2:30p
Adults

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

Getting Into Gear to Write: A Writer's Workshop

May 7 | Mon | 6:30-8p
Adults Age 18 and Older

In this last workshop of the series, Jan Hall, who has taught creative writing at Rose State College and elsewhere, will provide an overview of the creative writing process for new and experienced writers alike.

Participants will be taught various aspects of writing, including the writer's voice, finding ideas, how to create space and time for writing, and how to find a market for your work. Class members will participate in various interactive exercises and will receive various handouts. Space is limited to the first ten persons to commit to attend all four classes. To register call Rich at 732-4828.

Young Writer's Club

May 8 | Tue | 4:30-5:30p
Ages 10-12

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

Internet Basics for Adults & Seniors

May 10 | Thur
9:30-11:30a

Adults and Seniors



Based on the highly successful program by volunteer Delores Payne, library staff will lead these computer classes for adults & seniors who know little to nothing about the Internet but want to learn. Via "hands-on" computer-based instruction, participants will learn the basics of Internet usage, will search the Internet via several popular search engines, and will preview several general interest Internet sites. Enrollment is limited to no more than eight students per class. Please pre-register at the Information Desk or call 732-4828.

Internet Safety: A Seminar for Parents and Caregivers

May 10 | Thur | 6:30-8p
Adults



As the school year ends and your family spends more time on the Internet, it might be useful to ask yourself the following questions: Are your children active on the Internet? Do your children use MySpace or other similar social networking sites? Would you like to learn strategies on how to ensure your family's safety on the Internet? If you answered "yes" to one or more of these

questions, come join local experts to learn about common Internet safety issues, how you can assess your family's relative level of safety on the Internet, and how to prevent or recognize unsafe Internet activities. Space for this program is limited. Please pre-register at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828, extension 3.

Hunter Education Safety Course

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

This home-study-based course is designed to improve your hunter safety skills and performance on hunter safety tests. You must either obtain a workbook directly from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation or pick up a workbook up at the Midwest City Library. Complete the workbook prior to class and bring it with you to the class. Specific details about the ODWC Hunter's Education program can also be viewed online at www.wildlifedepartment.com/hunted2.htm. Participants ages 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

2007 Oklahoma Frog Watch

May 14 | Mon | 6:30-8p
All Ages

Come join local wildlife impresario Master Naturalist Leslie Johnson and learn how to participate in the National Wildlife Federation's ongoing "Frog Watch." Attendees will learn how to listen for and distinguish different frog and toad calls and songs. Leslie will also explain how participants can record what sounds they hear to assist creating a more accurate frog and toad census in Oklahoma. Come learn how to increase awareness for these important but increasingly endangered creatures in your backyard. Spaces are limited. Please pre-register by signing up at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828.

Parachute Play

May 16 | Wed | 10-10:30a
Ages 3-6 with Parents



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

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Centennial Stitches— Oklahoma History in Quilts Trunk Show



Hear the stories behind the quilts celebrating women who recorded Oklahoma's history via quilt making.

Author Judy Howard's chronicling of quilt stories commemorates Oklahoma men, women and events that patched together the state. Judy will show several quilts from her book and relate many of the stories, like that of Christie Updike.

Christie and her family settled near Bliss, Oklahoma, after participating in the land run of 1893. As the oldest girl, Christie cooked and sewed for the whole family. She became friends with the Ponca Indians, and with the daughter of the Ponca Tribe leader. At age 20 Christie was hired by the Ponca Indian agency to teach sewing to the girls at the White Eagle Boarding School.

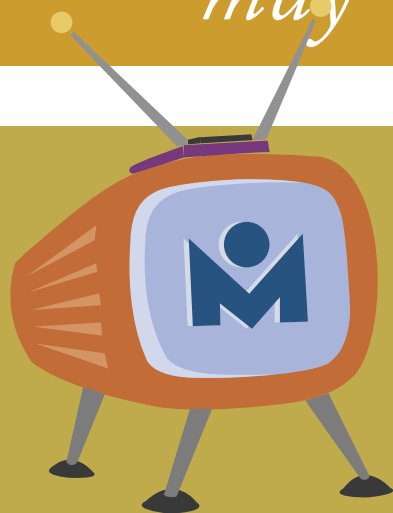
More personal stories about people like Christie Updike—strong, resilient, with a positive attitude—are described in *Centennial Stitches*.

Thur, May 10 6:30pm Bethany Library

Sat, May 12 10am Edmond Library
2pm Downtown Library

Free Admission





Read About It

Discussions with Authors & Book Reviews

TIMES

Mon-Fri: 9a Tue: 4:30p
Thur: 4:30p Sat: 2p

Cox Channel 7
Oklahoma City-Norman

Cox Channel 3
Tulsa, Okmulgee, Henryetta & Muskogee

Cox Channel 29
Cushing Drumright, Enid & Stillwater

OKLAHOMA CITY— Finalists and a winner of the 2006 Oklahoma Book Awards, a mystery writer and an Oklahoma author are featured guests on 'Read About It,' the cable TV show brought to you by the Metropolitan Library System. This month, hostess B.J. Williams will welcome the following guests.

May 7 Steve Lackmeyer and Jack Money, award winning journalists at *The Oklahoman*, will discuss *OKC: second time around*, a finalist in the Oklahoma Book Awards for 2006.

May 14 At the Oklahoma City University Centennial Book Festival, B.J. will interview Brenda Jones, with Jones Public Relations, and Carolyn Hart, internationally known award-winning mystery writer.

May 21 Bob Burke, well known author of books about Oklahoma and Oklahomans, will discuss *Words of Destiny* and *Early Visitors to Oklahoma*.

May 28 Carl Brune, award winning book designer won the Oklahoma Book Award in 2006 for his design of *OKC: second time around*.

Guests and program schedules are subject to change without notice.

Midwest City Library continued

Internet & E-mail Tutorial

May 17 | Thur

9:30-11:30a

Adults

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



Paper Aerodynamics: Fun and Weird Paper Airplanes

May 17 | Thur | 4-5p

Ages 10-14

Join us at a Midwest City Library where we will learn about aerodynamics and make fun and weird paper airplanes that you can take with you and make at home.



Oklahoma Fancy Dancers

May 20 | Sun | 2-3p

All Ages

The Oklahoma Fancy Dancers are a group of powwow champions, a professional and highly acclaimed Native American dance troupe. All dancers are enrolled tribal members, most of whom are full-blood, representing various tribes. The dancers wear traditional top-quality award-winning regalia. The group presents a wide range of traditional information, including hoop and fancy dancing. Widely known for the educational elements of their performances, the Oklahoma Fancy Dancers have traveled the world and earned a stellar reputation for excellence and authenticity. Co-sponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.



Toddler Aerobics

May 23 | Wed | 10-10:30a

Age 2-5

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



CyberMARS 101: A Guided Tour of the Electronic Catalog

May 24 | Thur

9:30a-Noon

Adults

If you've been wondering where the library's card catalog went, this class is for you! Come join the library staff for a "hands on" guided tour of the Metropolitan Library System's electronic catalog. Learn how to search for books, CDs, DVDs, or other items. Learn how to search by titles, authors, and subjects. Participants will learn how to place books from other libraries on reserve and how to manage your own library account. Space for this class is limited to eight participants. Please pre-register at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828.



Nicoma Park Library

2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park
(405) 769-9452

HOURS

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



Free Comic Book Day May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p Teens



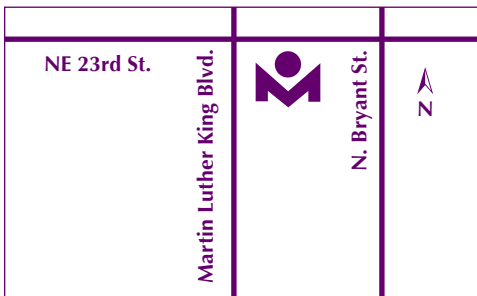
Pick up a free comic book at any MLS library on Free Comic Book Day. Supplies are limited. Call 606-3834 for more information. Co-sponsor: Ultimate Heroes Comics.

Ralph Ellison Library

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

HOURS

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



GED Classes

May 1,3,8,10,15,17,22,24,29,31
Tue & Thur | 5-8p

Adults

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

Let's Talk Toastmasters

May 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed | 6-7p
Adults

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



Algebra Tutoring for Students

May 3,10,17,24,31 | Thur
4-6p

Ages 13-18

Having problems with Algebra? Come to the Ralph Ellison Library for free tutoring every Thursday. Call 424-1437 to pre-register.



Free Comic Book Day May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p Teens



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Society of Urban Poets May 5 | Sat | 11a-1p Adults

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

Math Tutoring for Students May 7,14,21 | Mon 4-6p Elementary-High School



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

AARP Monthly Meeting May 17 | Thur | 10-11:30a Adults 50+

Discussion of issues affecting Seniors 50 years and older.

Teen Summer Volunteer May 18 | Fri | 4-5p Ages 15-18



The Ralph Ellison Library is looking for Teen Summer Volunteers for the Summer at the Library reading program. We will have training on 5/25/07 at 4:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. If interested please contact us at 424-1437.

Free Community Legal Fair May 19 | Sat | 10a-2p Adults

Ralph Ellison Library will host a FREE Legal Fair for the community. The co-sponsor, OKC Association of Black Lawyers, will be here to answer all your legal questions! Family/Divorce, DHS issues, Landlord/Tenant, Employment, & Social Security are just a few topics that may be discussed.

Southern Oaks Library

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

HOURS

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



After School Cool May 1,8,15 | Tue | 4-5p Ages 10-16



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

GED @ the Library

May 2,7, 9,14,16
Mon & Wed | 3:30-6p
Ages 16 & Older



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

SO Write: Creative Writing Club for Kids May 3 | Thur | 4:30-5:30p Ages 9-12

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

Free Comic Book Day May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p Teens



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Video Game-A-Thon! May 6 | Sun | Noon-4p Teens



Do you dream in 3D graphics? Do your palms sweat every time you see a joystick? You may have the condition commonly referred to as Consolitis: a desperate need to 'virtualize' reality. If this is the case...we have the cure: Four hours of DDR, Super Smash Brothers Melee, Mario Kart, and more? Join us anytime between noon-4:00 pm to play. Real snacks will be provided.

Preschool Story Time May 7,14 Mon | 10:30-11:15a Ages 2-6



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

Southern Oaks Book Club May 8 | Tue | 11:30a- 12:30p Adults

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

Scarlet Kitsune Anime Club May 8,22 | Tue 6:30-8:30p Ages 13 & Older



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

Parachute Play May 9 | Wed | 10:30-11a Ages 3-6 with Parents



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

Landscape Gardening May 17 | Thur | 1:30-3p All Ages

Learn the basics of landscape design to get the most out of your yard. Amy Brothers will also discuss plant varieties that are best suited

for Oklahoma's climate. Call the Southern Oaks Library at 631-4468 to sign up for the free workshop. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma County OSU Extension Center.

Oklahoma Fancy Dancers

May 21 | Mon
10:30-11:30a

All Ages



The Oklahoma Fancy Dancers are a group of powwow champions that come together to form a professional and highly acclaimed Native American dance troupe. All dancers are enrolled tribal members, most of whom are full-blood, representing various tribes. The dancers wear traditional top-quality award-winning regalia. The group presents a wide range of traditional information, including hoop and fancy dancing. Widely known for the educational elements of their performances, the Oklahoma Fancy Dancers have traveled the world and earned a stellar reputation for excellence and authenticity. Co-sponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.

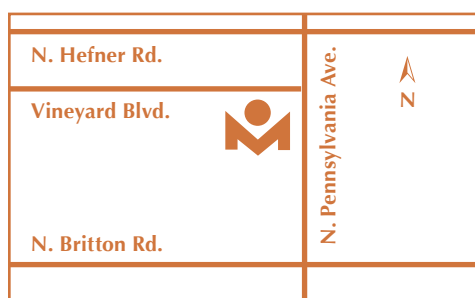
The Village Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Easy Listening —Using eMedia on Your Computer

May 1 | Tue | 6:30-8p
Adults



Free computer class for adults! Learn to download audio books from the library's eMedia collection to your computer and copy them to CD's so you can listen to them in your car or on a portable CD player. Come in or call to sign up. Village Library (405) 755-0710.

ESL

May 2,7,9,30
Mon & Wed | 6-8:30p

Adults



Improve your English speaking, reading and

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

Teen Advisory Board

May 3 | Thur | 5-6p
Ages 12-17



Do you want to get involved with the library? With the Village Library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) you can share your thoughts and ideas about books and teen programming with the young adult librarian. Pick up a TAB application at the Information Desk.

Free Comic Book Day

May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p
Teens



Pick up a free comic book at any MLS library on Free Comic Book Day. Supplies are limited. Call 606-3834 for more information. Co-sponsor: Ultimate Heroes Comics.

Music with Susan

May 10,17,31 | Thur
10-10:30a
Ages 2-5



Join Susan for musical fun and activities. Pre-registration is required. Please call 755.0710 or stop by the Information Desk.

The Village Fair—Village Library Special Friends

May 12 | Sat | 9a-5p
All Ages

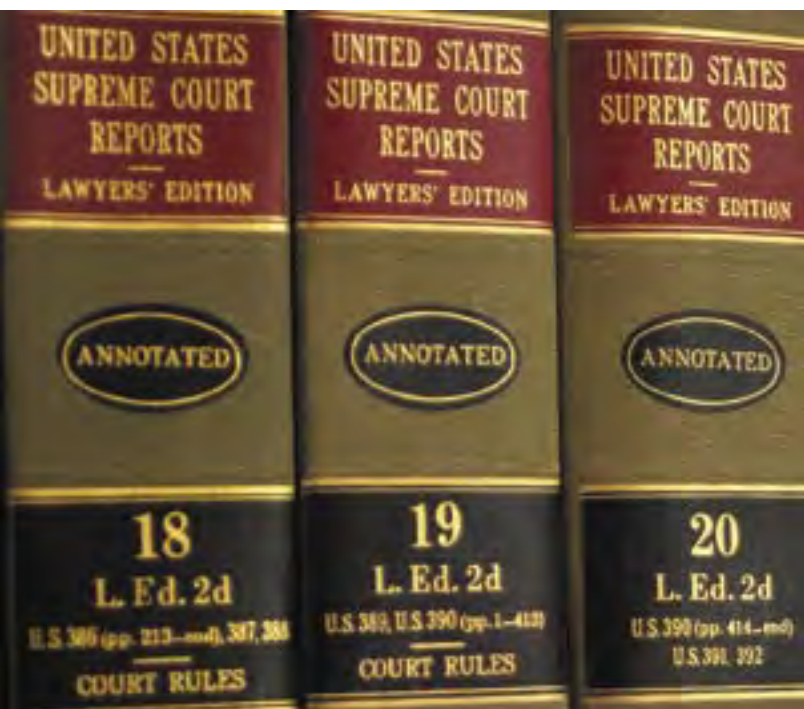
The Village Library Special Friends presents the 5th annual Village Fair held at Casady Square at Britton and Penn.

Oklahoma Fancy Dancers

May 12 | Sat | 2-3p
All Ages



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Free Community Legal Fair

Saturday, May 19 | 10a-2p | Ralph Ellison Library

Ralph Ellison Library will host a free legal fair for the community.

Members of the Oklahoma City Association of Black Lawyers will answer all your legal questions—family/divorce, DHS issues, landlord/tenant, employment, social security, bankruptcy, probate, medicare/medicaid, immigration, guardianship, and worker's compensation are just a few topics that can be discussed.

Anime Club

May 17 | Thur | 5-6p
Ages 13-18



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

Introduction to the Internet

May 19 | Sat | 10-11:30a
Adults



Learn how to access the Internet from the library computers. Take a look at the home pages of Internet servers such as AOL, MSN, Cox and others. Learn to use Search engines such as Google and Yahoo. Learn how to access the Metrolibrary Home Page from home, school or work to use Library Services via the Internet. Come in or call to sign-up. Village Library (405) 755-0710.

Book Discussion Group

May 21 | Mon | 3-4p
Adults

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

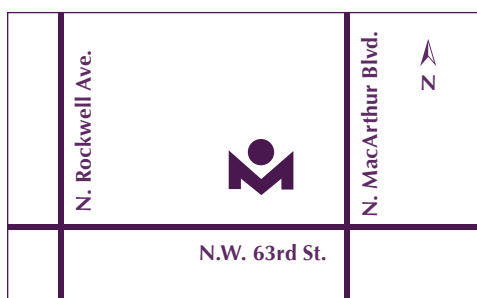
Warr Acres Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Music Play With Miss Susan

May 1,15 | Tue | 10:30-11a
Ages 2 1/2-5



Bring your preschooler for a fun musical time of learning with Ms. Susan. Please pre-register by calling 721-2616.

English as a Second Language

May 2,7,9,14,16,21,23
Mon & Wed | 5:30-7:30p
Adults



Improve your written and spoken English in this class offered by the Mid-Del Adult Learning Center. Class and materials are free. Enroll by calling Mid-Del at 739-1783. Co-sponsor: Mid-Del Adult Learning Center.

Preschool Developmental Screening

May 4 | Fri | 9a-4p
Birth to Age 5
with parent or guardian



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

Free Comic Book Day

May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p
Teens



Pick up a free comic book at any MLS library on Free Comic Book Day. Supplies are limited. Call 606-3834 for more information. Co-sponsor: Ultimate Heroes Comics.

Let's Dance

May 5 | Sat | 2-3:30p
All Ages



The Oklahoma String Quartet presents an information and music performance called "Let's Dance" as part of the Oklahoma City Philharmonic "Let's Talk About Music" series. Music from Bach to the Beach Boys will demonstrate the changes in quartet dance music through the ages.

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Play Time for Babies and Tots

May 9,16,23,30 | Wed

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

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.) Pre-register at 721-2616.



Children Reading to Dogs

May 10 | Thur

6:30-7:30p

Ages 6 & Older

Lovable dogs and their trained owners will help children develop confidence and skills in reading. Bring your favorite picture book and enjoy a time of reading in our meeting room. Dogs and owners are certified as dog therapy teams, and most are certified by Therapy Dogs International. Please pre-register.



Birthday Parties from Around

The World: Latin America

May 12 | Sat

10:30-11:30a

Ages 4 & Older

Children and their families will celebrate with traditions from Latin America. Crafts and food will be provided. Join us at 10:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month for another "Birthday Parties from Around



the World" with Miss Alma and her puppets. Please pre-register at 721-2616.

Warr Acres Book Club

May 14 | Mon | 11a-Noon

Adults

The Warr Acres Library Book Club will be reading and discussing *Saving Graces* by Elizabeth Edwards. Come be a part of the discussion. Pre-register by calling 721-2616.

Toilet Triumph!

Parenting Discussion

May 15 | Tue | 3-4p

Adults

With the development of new language skills and activity level, come many challenges. Toileting doesn't have to be a challenge. Come and learn ways to make this stage more fun and rewarding for the whole family. Facilitated by Robyn Sears and Deborah Shapiro. Sign up is required by calling Child Guidance at 425-4412. No daycare is provided.



Coffee Break

May 21 | Mon | 9:30-10:30a

Adults

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

Wright Library

2101 Exchange, OKC
(405) 235-5035

HOURS

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



Free Comic Book Day

May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p

Teens

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Teens



Stop by one of these Metropolitan Libraries to pick up your free comic book:

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

may

2007 CALENDAR



Metropolitan
LIBRARY SYSTEM

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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.

Gould, Chester. *The Complete Chester Gould's Dick Tracy Dailies & Sundays*.
741.5973/G696c

This is the first volume of what promises to be a multi-volume collection of the complete Dick Tracy comic strip. It includes nearly 600 comic strips, encompassing the series' beginning, from October 1931 to May 1933. Did you know that Chet Gould was

originally from Pawnee? That's right—the poster boy for big city law and order was born in small town Oklahoma.

Kalushi, William and Larry Sloman. *The Secret Life of Houdini: The Making of America's First Superhero*.
793.8092/H836ka/BIOGRAPHY

A fascinating study of the life of the famous escape artist, movie star and ghostbuster, this book adds fuel to the fire of the theory that Houdini was deliberately murdered by a faction of the pro-spiritualist camp that wanted to prevent the magician from revealing their fraudulent secrets. The authors claim that Houdini's real story is more fascinating than any legend about him.



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MLS LIBRARIES

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

MLS EXTENSION LIBRARIES*

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

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