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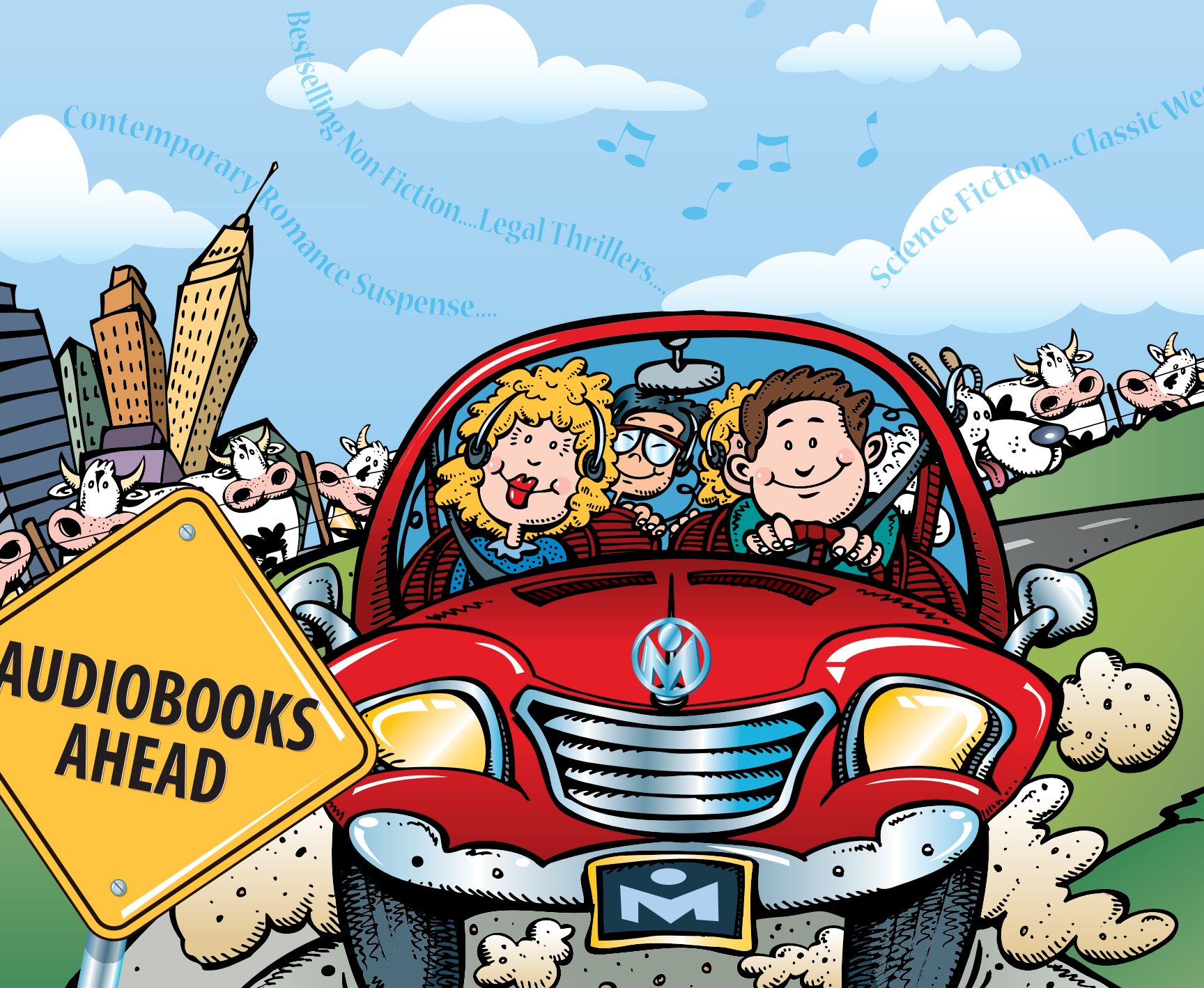
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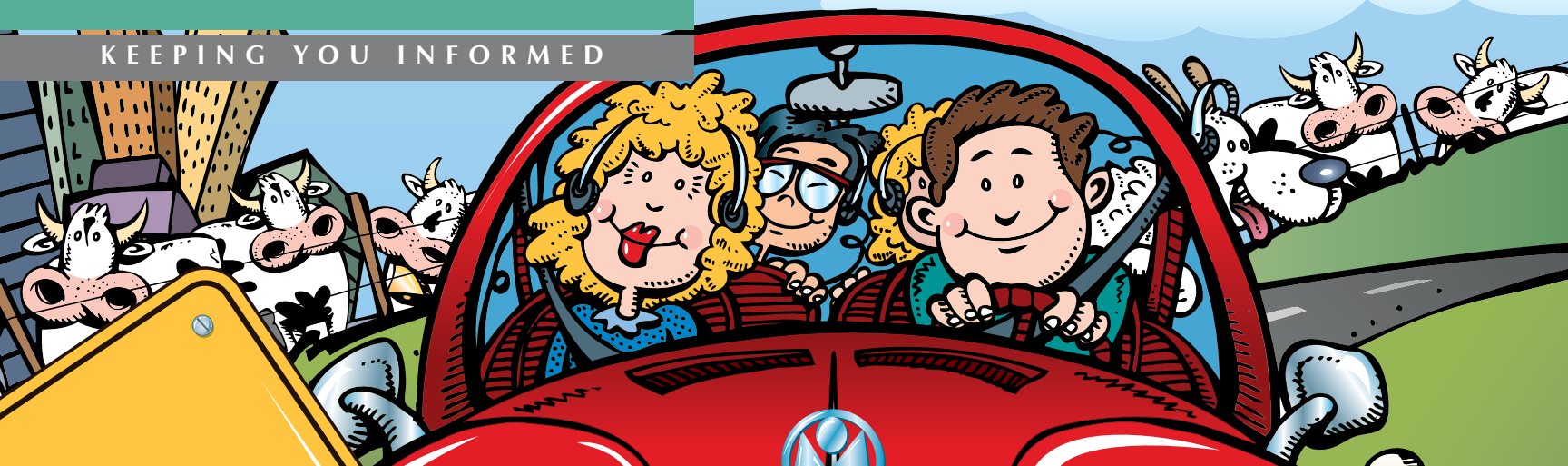
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Do you think of the time you spend in your daily commute as time wasted? A lot of people wind up for work during the morning drive and then use the evening commute as an opportunity to unwind again.

But do you ever think while behind the wheel, “I’d rather just be reading a good book?” No, we’re not suggesting that you read while you drive, but we can help you with the next best thing.

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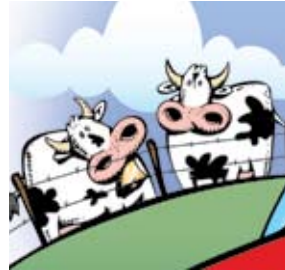




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Oklahoma Images

The Curious Case of DR. CAMP

by Larry Johnson

In 1910, Dr. Foster Kendrick Camp came to Oklahoma City to establish his practice. It didn't take Camp long to move from a small practice above a Main Street store to the establishment of St. Luke's Sanitarium on the entire 9th floor of the Campbell Building. Weeks later, he moved again, establishing Wesley Hospital on the 11th and 12th floors of the Herskowitz Building. There's some mystery as to why Dr. Camp, reported to be a Seventh Day Adventist, gave each of his hospitals a Methodist name despite no positive evidence of any support from any Methodist church. Still, you have to appreciate the display of tolerance this city was once known for – a Seventh Day Adventist operating a hospital with a Methodist name in a building owned by a Jewish merchant. Finally, in late 1911, Dr. Camp moved his hospital a final time to 300 NW 12th, seen here. This building had been recently constructed as an apartment building known as Weir Flats by Dr. Marshall Weir, but was easily converted to the new Wesley Hospital and Training School.

In about 18 months Dr. Camp's hospital grew from eight beds to fifty beds. Why the meteoric growth? Advertising. From its founding in 1847, the American Medical Association established advertising as beneath the medical profession. But, as Camp says in his first ad, the words "hospital" and "ambulance" struck "terror to the heart of the average sick person". He saw the ad campaign as educational because people were suffering needlessly at home and did not know they could recover quickly in the modern sanitary hospital with a highly trained staff he had created. The ads often featured descriptions of modern equipment and procedures and were designed more to get people simply to come to the hospital than to win customers away from his only competition – St. Anthony.

The ads worked quite well and Dr. Camp became celebrated in both the advertising and medical professions as the pioneer of medical advertising. But by 1919, Dr. Camp had eyes only for California. He sold Wesley Hospital to a consortium of doctors known as the Oklahoma City Clinic and moved to Pasadena. Wesley continued its growth and was expanded many times before evolving into first Presbyterian Hospital, today's OU Medical Center.

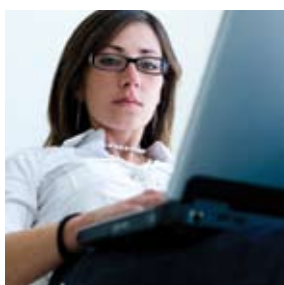
And what of Dr. Camp? In the 1920s he bought the Brookdale Lodge in Santa Cruz and built the amazing Brookroom dining hall which features a river flowing through the center. The Brookdale became a playground of Hollywood stars and even presidents. And according to ghostbusting lore, the Brookroom is haunted by the ghost of Dr. Camp's niece who drowned in the room's river. The lodge still operates to this day.



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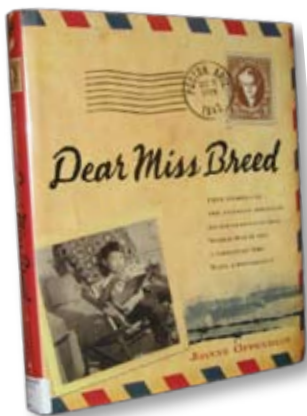


Reviews & Recommendations

Dear Miss Breed: True Stories of the Japanese American Incarceration During World War II and a Librarian Who Made a Difference

by Joanne Oppenheim

Reviewed by Ursula Ward



Dear Miss Breed is an inspiring, true story of a children's librarian who went against all odds to reach out to the incarcerated Japanese American children during World War II. Through letters written by the children and teenagers living in the relocation camps, this book tells of a fearful time in American history. The letters were sent to Clara Breed, children's librarian at the San Diego Public Library. Many of the children were regular library users before the war. When the children were sent to the relocation camps, Miss Breed continued to communicate with them by sending books and letters.

The author, Joanne Oppenheim, uses the letters the children sent to Miss Breed to give readers an insider's perspective of Japanese American families living in internment camps in the United States during the war. She interviews the surviving adults who wrote the letters to Miss Breed as children. The pictures in the book give a glimpse into a reality that words fail to portray. There is also interesting historical information about the

reaction of the nation following the days after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Readers will read how the children and their families kept their dignity and courage in the face of fear and hatred.

Ms. Oppenheim weaves a touching, unforgettable story of Japanese American children who were like all other children during the dark time of war. They had dreams that were put on hold through the fears of a nation they had loved and trusted. In the words of President Truman, speaking to the Nisei soldiers of the 442nd Regimental Combat team, "You fought not only the enemy, but you fought prejudice and won."

This is a book for all readers from middle school to adults who are interested in American history. The book includes the author's extensive research notes as well as a bibliography and index.

Ursula Ward works in the MLS Cataloging Department, where she specializes in government documents. Her hobbies include drawing, painting, writing stories for children, and reading suspense novels.

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ON THE SHELF

No Country For Old Men

Reviewed by Doug Bentin



What is the country that isn't fit for old men—and women—in the Coen Brothers Oscar-winning film of the Cormac McCarthy novel? Look around. You're there.

Tommy Lee Jones stars as a 1980s sheriff in rural west Texas who has to track down a professional killer on the trail of a trailer-park local. The hunter stumbled on the remains of a drug deal gone south, consisting of lots of dead bodies—they even shot the dog—and a couple of million dollars in cash. He takes the money and the killer takes after him to retrieve it.

Javier Bardem won the supporting actor Oscar

as the relentless killer, and Josh Brolin is the man with the money. He's smart, but not quite smart enough. The scene in which the hit man confronts a quiet little clerk in a roadside gas station grocery is a classic.

It's not an easy movie and I can speak from experience and tell you that you might not get it all with just one viewing, but once you do it will stick with you.

Doug Bentin appears weekly on the MLS TV program "Read About It." Check out his movie reviews in The Oklahoma Gazette, and his occasional film writing on the Oklahoma Film Critics Circle website, <http://ofccircle.org/>

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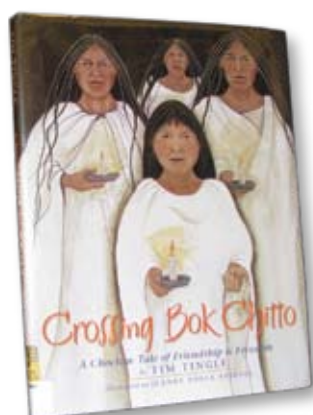
ON THE SHELF



Crossing Bok Chitto: A Choctaw Tale of Friendship & Freedom

by Tim Tingle

Reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



This book caught my eye because my childhood mailing address was Bokchito, Oklahoma. I was curious to know what the word Bokchito might mean in the Choctaw language.

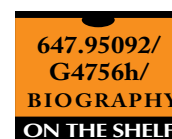
In Tingle's story, the Bok Chitto was a river that cut through Mississippi. Before the Civil War and the Trail of Tears, it was a boundary between the Choctaw people and slave-owning plantation owners. The law stated that if a slave fled across the Bok Chitto, he was free.

A young Choctaw girl, Martha Tom, ventured across the river via a secret path of stepping stones hidden just beneath the surface of the muddy waters. She was searching for blackberries for a wedding feast, but she lost her way and discovered a secret meeting of a slave church. She was returned

home by Little Mo, a slave boy. Mo's father had told the children that, if they walked slowly and showed no fear, they would become almost invisible to the slave owners. This teaching, and the secret route across the river, made it possible for Martha to help Mo and his family escape just in time to avoid the sale of Little Mo's mother.

This is a story of faith, courage, and the spirit of freedom. Written by an Indian story teller and illustrated by Jeanne Rorex Bridges, an Indian artist, *Crossing Bok Chitto* was a surprisingly moving story.

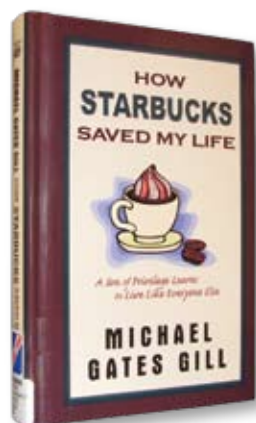
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How Starbucks Saved My Life: A Son Of Privilege Learns To Live Like Everyone Else

by Michael Gates Gill

Reviewed by Christine Bassett



At age 63, previously privileged Yale graduate and successful advertising executive Michael Gill, son of The New Yorker columnist Brendan Gill, found himself down on his luck when he was let go from his job of 25 years. He was also told that he had a brain tumor and no insurance to pay for the surgery. He was divorced and no longer living in the family home, and was desperate for employment to pay the bills.

In his former life, Gill had hobnobbed with the likes of T.S. Eliot, Ernest Hemingway and Ezra Pound. Now, out of sheer desperation, he had to replace his life of luxury with a job cleaning toilets and mopping floors at Starbucks.

In spite of his fear and anxiety about working in the service industry in a predominately African American neighborhood of New York, he found that he was happier than he had been in his whole life.

Gill blends a fascinating mixture of his experiences working in Starbucks with reminiscences of his past life in this enjoyable read.

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.

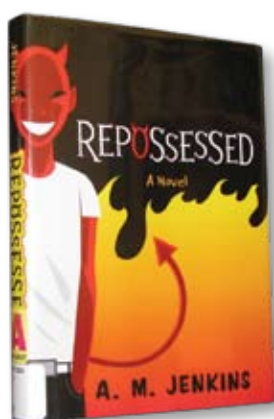


Reviews & Recommendations



Repossessed by A.M. Jenkins

Reviewed by Kim Ventrella



When Kiriell, a Fallen Angel, gets tired of his day job tormenting the damned, he takes a well-deserved vacation from Hell to see what life is like on Earth. He steals the body of a teenager named Shaun seconds before his death. The sensation of merging all of his ethereal being into a single, corporeal body unnerves Kiriell at first. But after his initial shock, he finds intense pleasure in everyday human experiences. Touching a t-shirt, taking a shower, smiling.

Kiriell's interactions with Shaun's friends and family are both revealing and disturbing. No one, except for Shaun's cat, notices that the real Shaun has left his body, leaving only a shell behind. Kiriell, however, understands and sympathizes with Shaun's friends in a way the real Shaun could never do.

For the first time in his existence, Kiriell experiences human suffering first hand, and he becomes determined to save the people in Shaun's

life from eternal hellfire. But can a Fallen Angel truly affect God's creation? Or will Kiriell's trip end before it even gets started?

Kiriell brings both a believable and unique voice to teen fiction. And by letting readers see the world through the eyes of a demon, Jenkins creates ample opportunities for discussion. For instance, as Kiriell learns to appreciate humanity's imperfections, he forces readers to reevaluate the way they view the world. Kiriell also raises questions about the meaning of sin and the motives of a creator who punishes people for acting according to their nature. These questions add layers to what is already a funny, fast-paced tale.

*Parents should note that this novel contains some sexual content.

Kim Ventrella is a young adult librarian at Ralph Ellison Library. She writes young adult book reviews for the Oklahoman and one day hopes to publish a novel of her own.



Alcatraz Versus the Evil Librarians by Brandon Sanderson

Reviewed by Kristin Williamson



"So there I was, tied to an altar made from outdated encyclopedias, about to get sacrificed to the dark powers by a cult of evil Librarians."

This is how Alcatraz Smedry begins his autobiography. However, since evil Librarians control all of the information in the Hushlands (America), his story must be told to us as a work of fiction written under the pen name Brandon Sanderson.

On his 13th birthday, Alcatraz receives a mysterious bag of sand which causes his life to turn completely upside down. He finds that he must break into the Downtown Library to retrieve the sands that the evil Librarians have stolen.

Throughout the book Sanderson leaves the main story behind to talk about things like the real

reason that authors write (to torture readers, of course) and how to identify a boring book (hint: it is probably described as "meaningful" or "important"). All of these tangents come together at the end in one completely hysterical and zany climax. Filled with paper monsters, talking dinosaurs, and characters with amazing talents (like the ability to break things and always being able to show up late), this book is sure to become a classic. It is endlessly entertaining, clever, and perfect for anyone with a quirky sense of humor.

Kristin Williamson is a children's librarian at the Midwest City Library. When she isn't at work leading book clubs and having story times, she can probably be found playing guitar, writing songs or designing and sewing her own clothes.

Art Contest Held at Ralph Ellison Library



Gilbert, age 69, and
his artwork, *Young
Patriot*.

Kamri Douglas,
12, & her artwork,
Tranquility.



Dorena, age 9, and
her artwork, *Dots*.



Ralph Ellison Library held an art contest during the month of February to celebrate Black History Month. The contest was open to all ages and each participant could enter a maximum of three pieces of art in any medium. A panel of five judges chose the winners and the winners received a \$25 giftcard to Hobby Lobby and had their work posted on the Metropolitan Library's website.

Ralph Ellison librarian Kim Ventrella highly praised the contest winners. "The art contest highlighted the wealth of talent in our community, and inspired people of all ages to create their own works of art."



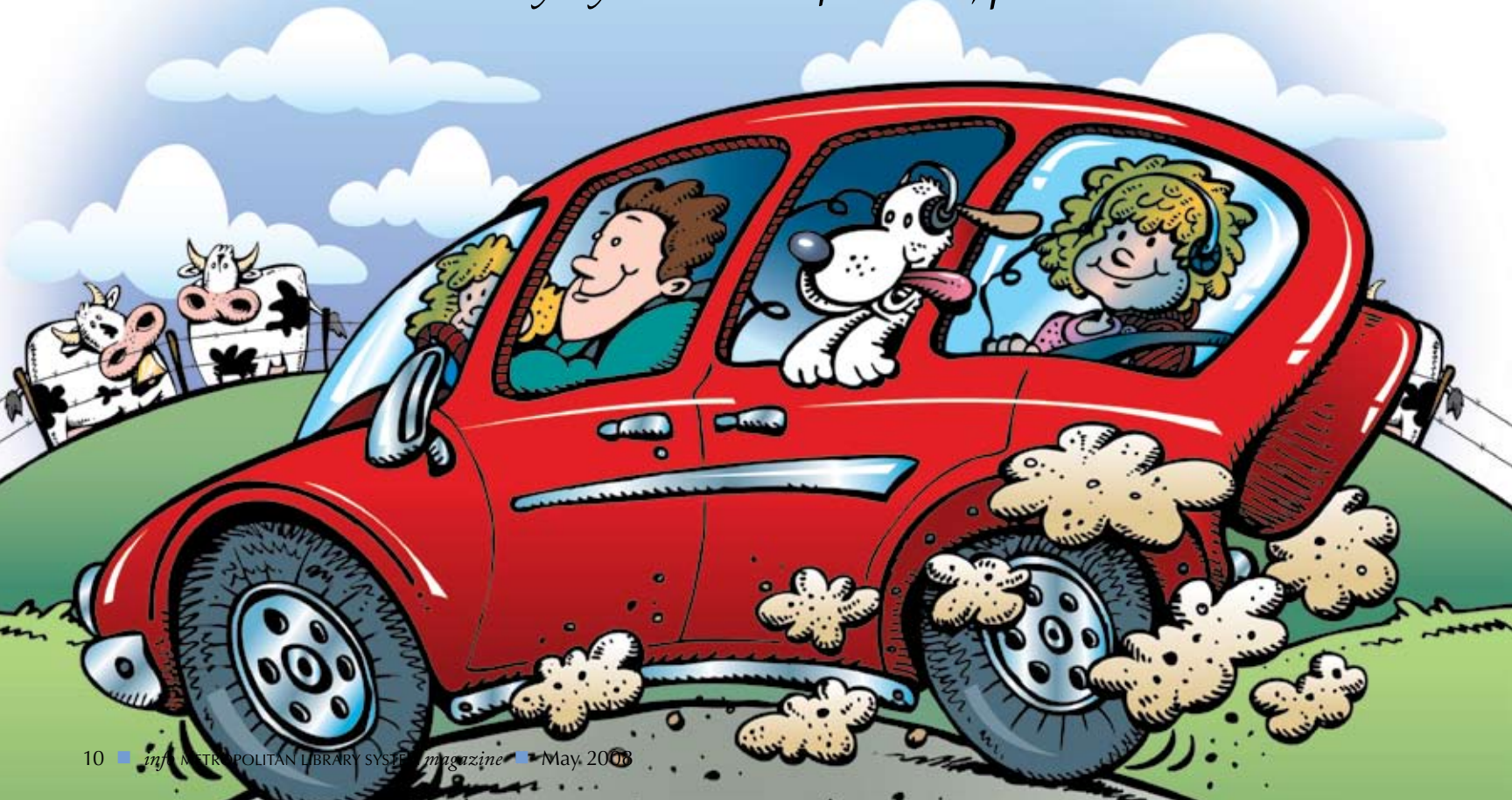
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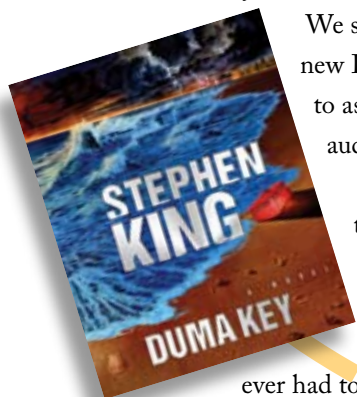
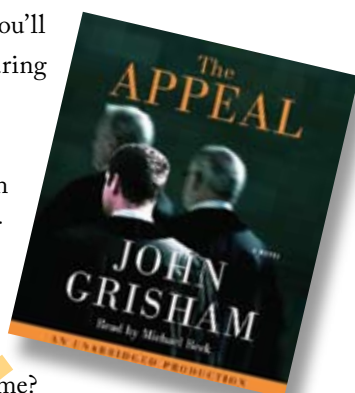
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Like fiction? We have John Grisham's latest legal thriller on CD, in addition to nearly two dozen others. Want to read Stephen King's new one but just don't have the time? We have *Duma Key*, too.



We stopped a customer at the new Downtown Library recently to ask if she ever checked out audiobooks.

"Are you kidding? All the time. I'll tell you when my family likes them the most is when we go on a road trip vacation. Have you

ever had to listen to two teenagers fight in the back seat for 2,000 miles? Last summer we played a Harry Potter audiobook and it was wonderful!"

If all we had for you on CD were the most popular authors for children, teens and adults, and current fiction bestsellers, we could save you a small fortune—*Duma Key* alone in the audiobook format would set you back \$49.95—but your library's audiobook collection also contains hundreds of non-fiction titles as well.

Losing It by Valerie Bertinelli and *Beautiful Boy* by

David Sheff are both near the top of the bestselling nonfiction list, and we have them both on audiobook.

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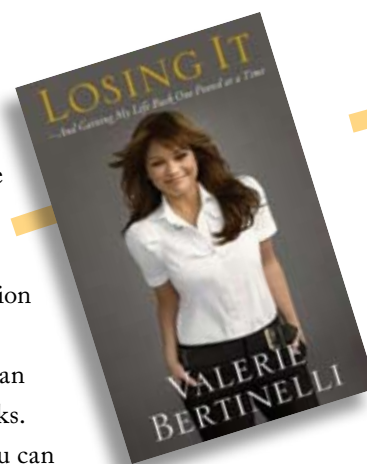
download the files to your computer, transfer them to a portable device, and some can even be burned onto a CD for your reading and listening pleasure anywhere, anytime. Everything from classic westerns to contemporary romantic suspense—from Christopher Hitchens to Sharon Osborne to books that can help you learn a foreign language, we've got you covered.

"Not everyone learns the same way," said Metropolitan Library System Manager of Marketing Kim Terry. "Some learn by reading, some by listening, so MLS wants to supply as many ways to access information and stories as possible. Audiobooks are a great alternative way to 'read'."



But if you really like rocking out with classic and contemporary Top 40 and alternative hits while you drive, your library has hundreds of music CDs as well.

Yeah, yeah, yeah, whoooaa!





17 Libraries

One Library System

*How can 17 things
really be just one thing?*

*No, it's not magic
and it's not creative
accounting. It's us,
your Metropolitan
Library System.
Seventeen libraries—
one library system.*



A lot of people don't realize when they use their neighborhood library that it doesn't exist alone. Sure, they know that there are 16 other public libraries spread around Oklahoma County, from Harrah in the far east to Bethany and Warr Acres in the west; from Edmond up north to Southern Oaks in the south. You couldn't get too far from one of our libraries if you tried.

And we come in all shapes and sizes. Have you visited the new Ronald J. Norick Downtown Library yet?

How about our oldest library building, the Wright Library,

a vital component of Stockyard City? The Wright Library building on Exchange Avenue was constructed 83 years ago.

Did you know that when you visit one of our libraries, you are in a very real sense visiting them all? All 17 of them constitute a system. Here's how it works. Say you usually use The Village Library. Now that sounds like a library that is a function of the City of The Village, or maybe just for the needs of the citizens of The Village. We like to call it their neighborhood library, but



The Ronald J. Norick Downtown Library

it's also a part of the larger Metropolitan Library System and any MLS cardholder can use it.

How? Let's say you checked out an audiobook at Belle Isle Library. Two weeks later you've finished it, it's in your car and due, but you're in Midwest City that day. Since the Midwest City Library is part of the Metropolitan Library System, just swing by the bookdrop at the library there and pop it in. Better yet, come on in and check out another one.

Also, when you place a reserve on a book you want to read, you can pick it up at whatever library is closest to you, but the book may come to that library from one of the others in the system. A book—or DVD, CD, audiobook, or other item—may be on the shelf at any of our 17 locations.



The Village Library

A librarian may pull it off the shelf at Capitol Hill Library and send it to Del City Library for a customer there to check out. Our delivery trucks run every day so it won't take long for the item to go across the county and wind up in your hands.

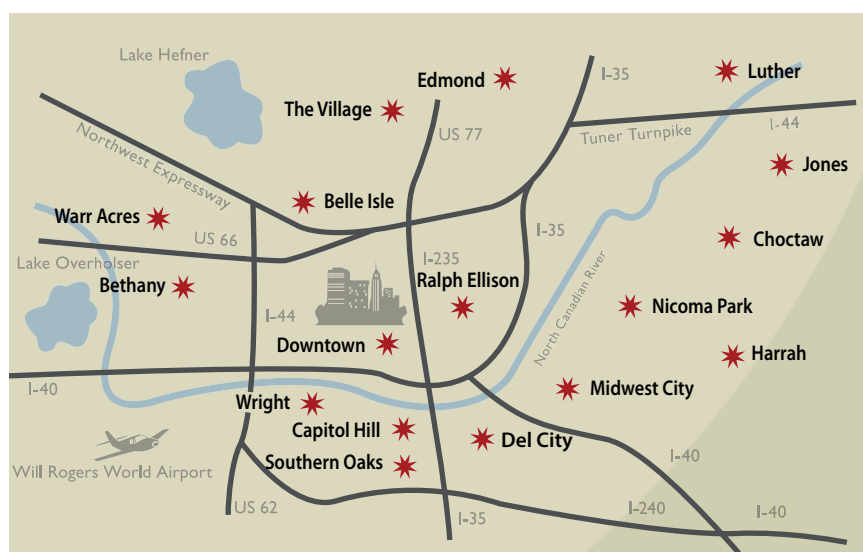
This system works really well for the smaller libraries we call our "Extensions." We have five of these: Harrah, Jones, Luther, Nicoma Park and Wright. The folks who use those locations also

draw on the collections of the larger 12 libraries, but it isn't uncommon for an item to travel from one of the Extensions to one of its bigger cousins.

When we refer to MLS as "Your inviting, innovative link to the world," we mean that we connect you to everything beyond the borders of your everyday life—but we're able to do that because each library in our system is connected to every other library. Our libraries are linked to each other in a microcosm of the way we link you to the rest of the world.

Sounds a little like science fiction, doesn't it? You know, when library service in Oklahoma County was just one room and a handful of useful books, it was science fiction.

Now, it's just the way we do business every day.



Locations of all 17 libraries in the Metropolitan Library System.

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All Metropolitan Library System libraries will be closed May 25 and 26 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

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(405) 843-9601

HOURS

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



English as a Second Language

May 1 | Thur

9:30a-Noon

Adults

Ongoing enrollment. You can join the class at any time with Mid-Del Adult 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 1,8,15,22 | Thur

10-11a

10 Months-3 1/2 Years
with Parents

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



their parents/guardians. Pre-register for this program at the Reference Desk.

Free Comic Book Day

May 3 | Sat | 9a-5p

Teens

Pick up a free comic book at any MLS library on Free Comic Book Day, sponsored by your local comic book store. Supplies are limited! Call 606-3834 for more information. Co-sponsors are: All Star Comics, Atomic Comics, Atomik Pop, Dragon Fyre Comics, New World Comics, New World Games & Comics, and Ultimate Heroes.



Score Small Business Counseling

May 3,17 | Sat | 9a-Noon

Adults

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

Coping With Stress in a Positive Way

May 6 | Tue | 7-8p

Ages 12 and Older

Learning to cope with everyday stress can be a challenge. Join a teacher from the Oklahoma School of Metaphysics and explore the mind/body connection and ways to reduce stress. There will be an exploration of the way our thoughts can add to or take away from the situations that produce stress. We will discuss how thoughts and emotions build on each other to create attitudes and the inherent neutrality of the situations that spark the stress. The talk will give people an understanding of how to reduce stress by identifying and changing their thoughts and the emotions behind those thoughts.

Child Guidance Consultation

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

Ages Birth-5 years

All children MUST be accompanied by parent or legal guardian and have a scheduled appointment. Each appointment is approximately one hour with discussion about the normal range of early development and any parenting questions you may have in regard to your child. Please call to schedule an appointment at 425-4412.

Co-sponsor: OKC/County Health Dept,



Spiritful Voices

May 11 | Sun | 3-4p

All Ages

Returning to Belle Isle Library this spring is Spiritful Voices Community Choir. They are an independent, all-volunteer adult mixed choir with people from all backgrounds who share a love of music. Each season's repertoire includes a wide variety of choral arrangements. The choir performs classical, contemporary, ballads, gospel, Broadway show tunes, patriotic, jazz, seasonal, spiritual, swing, humorous and ethnic pieces. While some songs are 'a cappella' pieces, many selections are accompanied by their talented pianists and instrumental ensembles consisting of various woodwind, brass, percussion, and string instruments.



Metro OKC Knit Guild Group

May 18 | Sun | 3-5p

Teens & Adults

The Metro OKC Knit Guild group meets at Belle Isle Library. Everyone—any knitter or person who's never knitted, but would like to learn—is welcome. Each monthly program will include a lesson of a new knitting technique and examples of charity knitting projects. May's lesson is "Different Increase Methods." E-mail the guild at metrookcknitguild@cox.net or call 823-6866 for questions about the group. Please sign up at the Reference Desk for the meeting.

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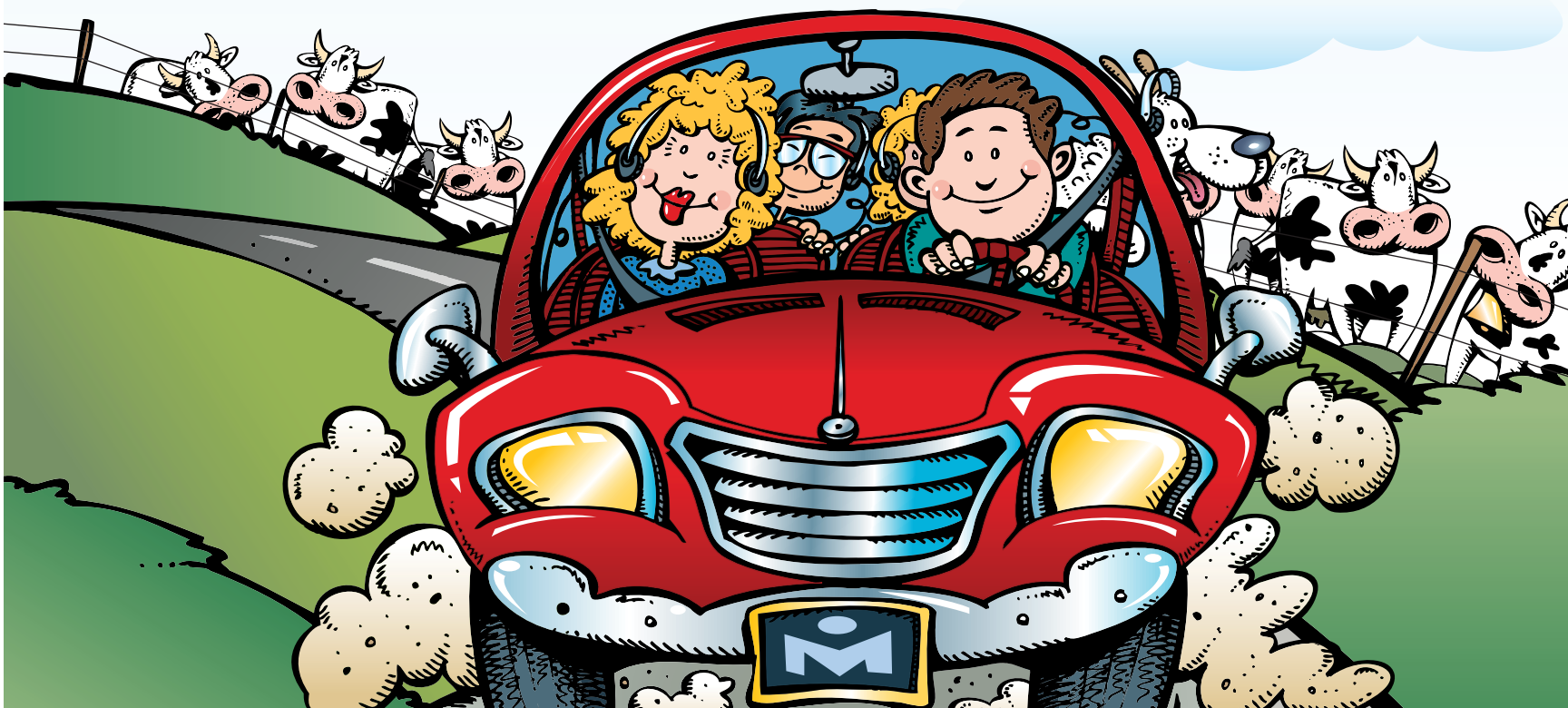
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- *Classic Literature*
- *Inspirational*
- *Self-Help*
- *History*
- *True Crime*
- *YA and Teens*
- *And more!*



Belle Isle Library continued.

Don't Bug Me

May 21 | Wed | 10-11a
Pre-kindergarten

Hear stories about Bugs. Playtime will follow in the Children's Room. Pre-register with Belle Isle Reference Desk. 843-9601.

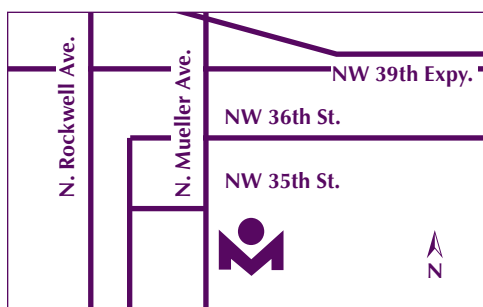


Bethany Library

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

HOURS

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



Spring Story Time

May 1 | Thur | 10-10:45a
Ages 3-6

Enjoy stories, songs, nursery rhymes and a fun craft. Learn about summer activities coming to the library. Please pre-register at the library Information Desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.



Free Comic Book Day

May 3 | Sat | 9a-5p
Teens

Pick up a free comic book at any MLS library on Free Comic Book Day, sponsored by your local comic book store. Supplies are limited! Call 606-3834 for more information. Co-sponsors are: All Star Comics, Atomic Comics, Atomik Pop, Dragon Fyre Comics, New World Comics, New World Games & Comics, and Ultimate Heroes.



Children Reading to Dogs

May 3 | Sat | 10-11a
Age 5 & Older

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



Scottish Heritage and Music Event

May 3 | Sat | 2-3p
All Ages

Please bring a lawn chair and join us on the south lawn Saturday afternoon for this educational and entertaining event. Our Scottish piper, Mikeal Murray will fill your heart with joy. Refreshments will be served after the program. For more details please call 789-8363.



The Children's Hour:

Evening Story Time

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

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



Capitol Hill Library

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

HOURS

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



Family Place: 1-2-3 Play With

Me/1-2-3-Juega conmigo

May 1,8,15,22 | Thur
6-7p

Ages 10 Months-3 1/2 years
with Parents

Playing with your baby or child is not only important for bonding but is also an educational experience for your child. We are providing a special time and place for you to come to the library and spend one-on-one time playing with your child. A different community resource professional will be available each week to answer your parenting questions. This program is intended for children 10 months to 3 1/2 years of age and their parents/guardians. Pre-register for this program at the Reference Desk. Es muy importante que juega con su bebe y la biblioteca de Capitol Hill ofrece una atmosfera especial, con juguetes educacionales y con personas capaz de responder a cualquier pregunta que



tenga. Cuatro sesiones - los jueves en los dias 1, 8, 15, y 22. Por favor, traiga su nino y venga. Gratis.

Free Comic Book Day

May 3 | Sat | 9a-5p
Teens

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Basic Photography

May 10 | Sat | 2-3p
Adults

This program is to learn basic photography. It is designed to give you the necessary information, and help needed to become confident with your camera. The class will include portrait and landscape techniques. If you have a camera, please bring it to the program with you. Call 634-6308 to register.



Internet Basics

May 17 | Sat | 2-3p
Adults

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



Magic With Steve Crawford

May 17 | Sat | 2-3p
All Ages

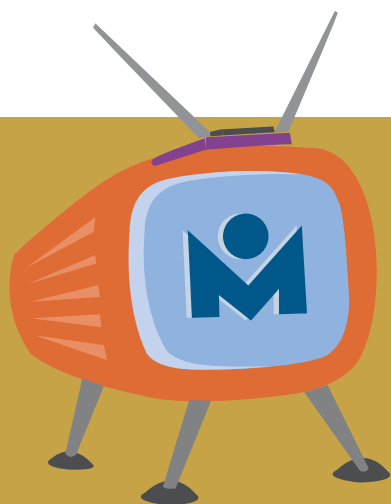
Be astounded by the talent of Magician Steve Crawford. All ages invited. Call 634-6308 for more information.

Capitol Hill Advisory of

Teens
May 29 | Thur | 6-7p
Teens

Teens meet monthly to discuss upcoming events and share ideas about future programs, materials, and opportunities. Contact Angela for more information at 634-6308. Registration required.





Read About It

Discussions with Authors & Book Reviews

New Time!

Cox Channel 7 (Oklahoma City Metro area)
Saturday mornings at 10:30am

OKLAHOMA CITY— A romantic thriller, an Appalachian ballad, and experiences growing up in a small Oklahoma farming community in the 1950s and 60s are a few of the subjects that will be featured on 'Read About It,' the cable TV show brought to you by the Metropolitan Library System. This month, hostess B.J. Williams will welcome the following guests.

May 3 P.C. Cast, an award winning fantasy writer and her daughter, Kristin Cast, will discuss *Marked: A House of Night Novel*, which won the 2008 Oklahoma Book Award for young adult novel.

May 10 Jack Willis, retired professor of journalism at OU, will discuss *Saving Jack*.

May 17 Nathan Brown, poet, musician, performer and photographer, will discuss *Not Exactly Job*, a finalist in the 2008 Oklahoma Book Awards.

May 24 Fred Alsberg, teaches at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, will discuss *Reassembling Dust*, a finalist in the 2008 Oklahoma Book Awards.

May 31 Voncille Shipley, well known Oklahoma writer and recent finalist of the Oklahoma Book Awards, will discuss *Legacy of Deception*.

Guests and program schedules are subject to change without notice.

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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Comics, New World Comics, New World Games & Comics, and Ultimate Heroes.

Choctaw Library Pageturners' Club

May 3 | Sat | 10-11:30a

Adults

Interested persons are invited to come out and join the inaugural meeting of the Pageturners' Club. Our first session will cover the basics of forming a book club, book discussion guidelines and selection of books of interest to read and discuss. Come share your thoughts and views on forming a book club. Pre-registration required. Limited to 15.

Child Guidance Consultation

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

Ages birth-5 years with Parent/legal guardian

Free Child Guidance Consultation

Appointments for children ages birth up to 5 years. Each child must have a parent and / or legal guardian with them. Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development and any parenting questions you may have in regard to your child. Consultations are by appointment only and take about an hour. Pre-registration is required. Please call Child Guidance Services with City-County Health Department at 425-4412 to pre-register.



Conversational Spanish

May 5,12 | Mon

4-5p

Ages 13 - Adult

Teens and adults are invited to participate in these conversational Spanish sessions. Beginning students have an opportunity to practice and improve their skills with a Native speaker instructor.



Conversational Spanish for Intermediate and Advanced

May 5,12 | Mon | 5-6 p

Ages 13 - Adult

Teens and adults are invited to participate in these conversational Spanish sessions. Intermediate and advanced students have an opportunity to practice and improve their skills with a native speaker instructor.



Lapsit Story Time

May 6,13,20,27 | Tue

9:30-10a

Ages 6 months-3 years

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



Free Comic Book Day

May 3 | Sat | 9a-5p

Teens

Pick up a free comic book at any MLS library on Free Comic Book Day, sponsored by your local comic book store. Supplies are limited! Call 606-3834 for more information. Co-sponsors are: All Star Comics, Atomic Comics, Atomik Pop, Dragon Fyre



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Choctaw Library continued.

Preschool Story Time

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

Ages 3-5 years

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

Health Dept.



Oklahoma Author Event: David A. Farris Oklahoma Outlaws- Legends and Folklore

May 6 | Tue | 6-7p

All Ages

You are invited to an Oklahoma Author event with David Farris of Edmond. David is the author of *Mysterious Oklahoma*, *More Mysterious Oklahoma* and *Oklahoma Outlaw Tales*. Come out and listen to some of the most fascinating stories from Oklahoma's unique past. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Refreshments will be served. Pre-registration preferred.



Tai Chi With Chris Francis:

Beginners Group

May 7,14 | Wed | 5:30-6:15p

Adults

T'ai Chi Chuan is a martial arts therapy that promotes health and longevity. It is a soft style art using as complete a relaxation or "softness" in the musculature as possible. Tae Chi teaches awareness of balance and the practical ability to moderate extremes of behavior and attitude at both mental and physical levels, and how this applies to effective self-defense principles. Pre-registration. Co-sponsor: Choctaw Library Guild.

Tai Chi With Chris Francis:

Intermediate & Advanced Group

May 7,14 | Wed | 6:30-7:30p

Adults

T'ai Chi Chuan is a martial arts therapy that promotes health and longevity. It is a soft style art using as complete a relaxation or "softness" in the musculature as possible. T'ai Chi teaches awareness of balance, and the practical ability to moderate extremes of behavior and attitude at both mental and physical levels, and how this applies to effective self-defense principles. Pre-registration. Co-sponsor: Choctaw Library Guild.

Teen Advisory Board and Volunteer Training

May 8 | Thur | 6-7

May 15 | Thur | 3:30-4:30p

Grades 7-12

WANTED: Teen Volunteers! The Choctaw Library needs Teen Volunteers to help with



Teens

the popular Summer @ Your Library reading program. Teen volunteer benefits include: volunteer credits for honor students and volunteer service for your resume or job application. If you are interested in volunteering, sign up and plan to attend a Volunteer Training Session, (either May 8th or 15th.) The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) normally meets the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Family Place: Open Play

May 10 | Sat | 10-11a

6 Months-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.



Children's Book Trivia Contest

May 12-15 | Mon-Thur | 9a-8p

May 16 | Fri | 9a-6p

Ages 6-11

Choctaw Library is celebrating Children's Book Week —May 12-16. Stop in and complete our trivia questions to qualify for entry in a special prize drawing. On Saturday, May 17 we will draw from the completed, correct entries for a special prize.

Terrific Three's

May 12 | Mon | 10-11a

Parents/caregivers of young
children

Parents/caregivers of young children Come join in as we discuss characteristics of the three year old child. We will explore the areas of language, physical, social and emotional development. Bring your questions with you. Pre-register at 425-4412. Co-sponsor: OK City/County Health Dept.



Books Not Bars: Community Perspective Panel Discussion

May 20 | Tue | 6-7:45p

Ages 16-Adults

Video viewing of the National Video Project: "Books Not Bars." This short documentary focuses on the growth of the prison industrial complex in the U.S. through the eyes of the youth who are working to reverse the trend. The title refers to the claim that adolescents are four to five times more likely to go to prison than be educated. High School students may receive attendance credit. Pre-registration required. Community panel will include members of education, law enforcement, clergy and social services background. Co-sponsors: National Video Project, ALA Public Programs and Tri-City Youth and Family Center.

AARP Defensive Driver's Course

May 31 | Sat | 9a-4p

Adults

Attention ALL drivers! AARP presents safe driving tips to help prevent and reduce the tragedy of injury and death for drivers on today's roads. Participants are eligible for a discount on your auto insurance premium. The State of Oklahoma authorizes a discount for any licensed driver aged 16 and up who successfully completes a defensive driver's course. Space for the course is limited, pre-register at 390-8418 or dropping by the Choctaw Library. Norma Sallee from AARP is the instructor for this course. Each participant must bring, on the day of the course, \$10 in cash or a check payable to AARP for course materials. Co-sponsor: AARP.

Del City Library

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

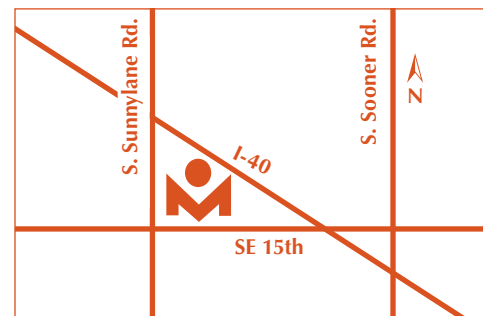
HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-9

Fri: 9-6

Sat: 9-5

Sun: Closed



Basic Computer Training

May 2,16,30 | Fri | 2-3p

May 13,20 | Tue

6:30-7:30p

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.



Free Comic Book Day

May 3 | Sat | 9a-5p

Teens

Pick up a free comic book at any MLS library on Free Comic Book Day, sponsored by your local comic book store. Supplies are limited! Call 606-3834 for more information. Co-sponsors are: All Star Comics, Atomic Comics, Atomik Pop, Dragon Fyre Comics, New World Comics, New World Games & Comics, and Ultimate Heroes.



OKLAHOMA OUTLAWS: LEGENDS AND FOLKLORE

Tuesday, May 6, 6-7 p.m.

Come listen to some of the most fascinating stories from Oklahoma's unique past. Books available for purchase and author signing. Refreshments served. Pre-registration preferred. Co-sponsor: Choctaw Library Guild.

Choctaw Library
2525 Muzzy St.
390-8418



Bug's Life Story Time May 6 | Tue | 6:30-7:15p Ages 4-8

Bugs are fascinating creatures. Bugs are everywhere including Storytime! Come for stories about bees or butterflies or other bugs!

Play Time May 8 | Thur | 10-11a Ages 6 Months-3 Years

Toys are provided for little children to play at the library! Janna Baker from Sooner Start will share parenting tips with parents and caregivers.



Child Guidance Consultations May 12 | Mon | 9a-4p Ages Birth-5 years with Parent/Legal Guardian

Child Guidance Consultation appointments at the library are provided by Child Guidance Services, Oklahoma City-County Health Department, free of charge. For children up to the age of 5 years. Each child must have a parent or legal guardian with them. Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development and any parenting questions you may have in regard to your child. By appointment only! Call Child Guidance at 425-4412. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.



Go Nuts for Nutrition May 19 | Mon | 5:30-6:30p Teens

Great tips for teens for looking great and feeling good. Find out how you can make nutrition work for you not against you.



Teens

Chinese Water Color May 27 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p Adults

Spring is a time for growth. Grow your artistic abilities and let them flower in a new form of creative expression, Chinese water color. Kristie Ming Tan will teach you the secrets of this Eastern style. The library will provide all necessary materials, but you may bring your own. Call 672-1377 to pre register.

Starring Chester the Clown May 28 | Wed | 10-10:45a Ages 3-12

Start your summer right! Chester the Clown performs at Del City Library. Come for fun!! Department of Environmental Quality is coming to the Del City Library to show you how. Call 672-1377 to pre-register.



Downtown Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6

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Park Ave.		
Reno		

PM Play With Me May 1 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p 10 Months-5 Years w/adult

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



Free Comic Book Day May 3 | Sat | 9a-5p Teens

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Teens

I lost my library book!



2008 Summer at the Library!

Catch the Reading Bug

Children's Program

METAMORPHOSIS
Teen Program

Sign up begins
June 1st at your
local library!



Metropolitan
LIBRARY SYSTEM

L.I.N.K.S. Kids Dance Theater
May 4 | Sun | 3-4p
All Ages



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

Wednesday Night at the Movies
May 7,14,21,28 | Wed | 6-8p
All Ages

May 3 is "Free Comic Book Day", so every Wednesday in May, we will show films based on a comic or graphic novel! Please call 606-3876 for more information. The May movie schedule is:

- May 7: *Daredevil* (Director's Cut) (PG-13)
- May 14: *Hell Boy* (PG-13)
- May 21: *Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer* (PG-13)
- May 28: *Persepolis* (PG-13)

Year of Piano Masterworks
May 11 | Sun | 2-3p
All Ages



Second Sundays at the Downtown Library will continue to bring Wayne McEvilly in concert with "A Year of Piano Masterworks." Hear Mozart and Schubert "The Variations" in this concert. Bring the whole family to enjoy an hour of extraordinary piano music in a relaxed and comfortable setting. Admission is free. Seating is limited and begins at 1:30 p.m. in the 46th Star Auditorium.

Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County
May 15 | Thur | 3:30-5p
 Downtown Library
 300 Park Avenue
 Oklahoma City, OK 73102
 405.231.8650
 The public is welcome to attend.



Shakespeare Off the Shelf
May 18 | Sun | 2-3p
All Ages



Experience the romance, the drama and the comedy of great literature when you see the dramatization of Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew" as done by the "Shakespeare off the Shelf" touring group. The actors romp through the great scenes of Shakespeare and bring the joy of this great work to us all. Admission is free. Seating is limited and begins at 1:30 p.m. in the 46th Star Auditorium.

Child Guidance Consultations
May 29 | Thur | 9a-Noon
Birth-5 Years with parent



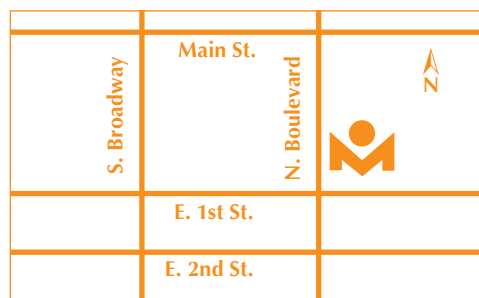
Child Guidance Consultation Appointments at the library are provided by Child Guidance Services, Oklahoma City-County Health Department, free of charge. Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development and any parenting questions you may have in regard to your child. By appointment only! Call Child Guidance at 425-4412.

Edmond Library

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

HOURS

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



Historical Model Display
May 1-31, Library Hours
All Ages

The International Plastic Modelers' Society will display plastic models of historical aircraft, cars, ships, tanks, and objects from science fiction and space.

Children Reading to Dogs
May 1,8,15,22 | Thur
6-7:30p



Children who can read

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

Free Comic Book Day
May 3 | Sat | 9a-5p
Teens



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Stamp Club
May 3,17 | Sat | 10a-Noon
4th Grade and up

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

Basic Computers for Seniors
May 3,17 | Sat | 2-3p
Seniors and Adults



This is a free basic computer class geared towards Seniors who know nothing about the world of computing. Topics covered will be the Windows clipboard, quick keys: copy, move & paste, and computer icons. FAQ's will be discussed and participants' questions will be addressed. Call 341 9282, ext 4.

Farsi
May 4,11,18 | Sun
1:30-3p
Adults



Learn the Farsi language from and 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.

Preschool Story Time
May 5,12,19 | 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, special stories, and occasional crafts. Come and join the fun.

Lapsit: Playtime and Story Time
May 6,13,20,27 | Tue
9:30-10:15a and
10:30-11:15a
Birth-2 Years



Enjoy a special time with your young child at the library. For half an hour have a playtime with the toys we'll have out in the story time room. This is followed by a 15 minute circle time that emphasizes group participation, early literacy skills, books and language development.

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**Bugs and Blooms
Make and Take**

**May 6 | Tue | 10-11a
Ages 3-5 with Parent**

The Library and Child Guidance staff join together to welcome Springtime. Bring your children to have fun making "bug and bloom" crafts. Community and library resources and Child Development information will be available. Call 425-4412 to register. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.



Chess Club

**May 6,20 | Tue | 3:30-5p
Ages 6-14**

This is a chess club taught by a skilled instructor and chess player. Free. Class is for grade school age children and meets twice a month. If you are interested or would like further information e-mail ConnieHong.ok@gmail.com .

55+ Coffee Break

**May 7,14,21,28 | Wed | 9:30-11a
Seniors**

Come to the Edmond Library for a coffee break made just for you. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be served along with light refreshments. Talk about your favorite books, work on a 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. Sign our guest book and sign up for the door prize drawings.

**Computer Instruction
with Eddie**

**May 7,14,21,28 | Wed
1-5p**

Ages 18 & Older

Free! Join Eddie for individual instruction on the computer. Every Wednesday, assistance is offered in increments of 30 minutes to an hour. Call (405) 341-9282, ext. 3 to sign up for your time.



**Crossing Bok Chitto: A Visit
With Author Tim Tingle**

**May 7 | Wed
6:30-7:30p**

All Ages

Choctaw storyteller and author Tim Tingle will perform the story from his award-winning book about a courageous friendship between a young Choctaw girl and a slave-boy. He will also share songs and other Native American tales. Co-sponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.



**Computer Instruction
with Dave**

**May 7,14,21,28 | Wed
7-8p**

Ages 18 & Older

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



Music With Susan

**May 9,23 | Fri | 9:30-10a
or 10:15-10:45a**

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 always 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

**May 9,23 | Fri
11-11:30a**

Ages 4-6

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 always 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.



Manga-Cosplay Party!

**May 9 | Fri | 7-9p
Ages 12-17**

Share your love of manga at the Manga-Cosplay party. Lots of activities including cosplay (manga inspired costumes g-rated please.) Guitar hero, Japanese snacks, and drawing. Registration is a must! For the very interesting party. Call 341-9282. Party from 7 pm to 9 pm. Free. Co-sponsor: Edmond Library Manga Club.



Moms Are Special:

Story Time with Angela

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

Ages 4-6

Sometimes it's hard to find just the right gift for Mom, who gives so much to you. Join Angela for a story and craft time that will help you get ready to celebrate Mother's Day.



Reader's Choice Book Discussion

**May 10 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon
Seniors**

The Readers' Choice Book Discussion group meets once a month at the Edmond Library.

Call 341-9282 for this month's title and to register after April 12. (Limited to 15.)

**Edmond Library Book Bunch
Discussion Group**

**May 10 | Sat | 2-3:30p
Seniors**

The Edmond Book Bunch meets once a month at the Edmond Library. The title for this month's discussion is *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly* by Jean Dominique Bauby. Please call early to reserve a copy.

Autism Meeting

**May 12 | Mon | 7-9p
Adults**

This is a support group for parents of kids with autism. There will be occasional special speakers. Co-sponsor: PAC.



Child Guidance Consultation

**May 14 | Wed | 10:30a-4p
Ages Birth-5 years**

Child Guidance Consultation appointments in the library are provided by Child Guidance Services, Oklahoma City-County Health Department, free of charge. Each child must have a parent or legal guardian present. Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development and any parenting questions you may have in regard to your child. By appointment only! Parents, sign up early as appointment slots fill up fast! Call Child Guidance at 425-4412.



**Computer Instruction
with Eddie**

**May 14,21,28 | Wed
1-5p**

Ages 18 & Older

Free! Join Eddie for individual instruction on the computer. Every Wednesday, assistance is offered in increments of 30 minutes to an hour. Call (405) 341-9282, ext. 3 to sign up for your time.



55 Drive Alive with the AARP

**May 20 | Tue | 9:30a-4p
Seniors**

AARP presents safe driving tips to help prevent and reduce the tragedy of injury and death for drivers on today's roads. Attendees are eligible by Oklahoma Law to get an insurance discount for 3 years. The course is centered on senior drivers. However, anyone 16 or older may sign up. Pre-Registration is necessary. There will be a \$10 supply charge at the door. Dave Hansen, a volunteer with AARP is the instructor. Co-sponsor: AARP.

Sustainable Edmond

May 20 | Tue | 7-9p

Adults

A meeting of Sustainable Edmond will be held regularly at the Edmond Library.

Co-sponsor: Sustainable Edmond.

Common Challenges for Toddlers

May 28 | Wed | 2:30-4p

For Parents of young children

Temper tantrums, biting and toileting are some of the most common issues facing parents of toddlers. Parents and child care providers are welcome to come and discuss ways to deal with these challenges. Call 425 4412 to pre-register. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.



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



Comics, New World Comics, New World Games & Comics, and Ultimate Heroes.

Game Day

May 28 | Wed | 3-5p

All Ages

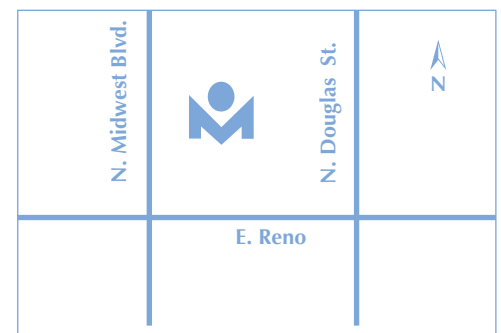
Come play video games at the library! Our games include Guitar Hero, DDR, MarioKart, Wii Sports, and more. Games are rated E, E10+, and T.

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

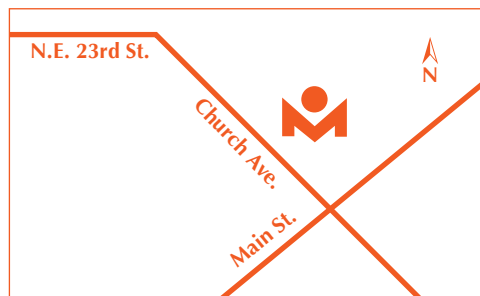


Harrah Library

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

HOURS

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



Free Comic Book Day

May 3 | Sat | 1-5p

Teens

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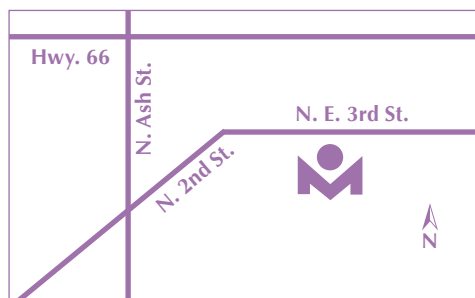
Teens

Luther Library

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

HOURS

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



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Teens

Exhibit: 2008 LitterBlitz Poster Award Winners

Apr 14-May 15 | Library Hours

All Ages

The winning entries from the 2008 LitterBlitz poster contest will be on display at the Midwest City Library from April 14 - May 15. A city-wide event, the poster contest is sponsored by Oklahoma City Beautiful. Open during library hours

Exhibit: City Art Center Weaving Studio Student Exhibit

May 1-31 | Library Hours

All Ages

Midwest City Library is pleased to host an exhibit featuring the work of students in the Weaving Studio at the City Art Center in Oklahoma City during the month of May. Student skill level ranges from beginning to advanced. The display in the Lobby Gallery will feature an array of hand woven projects, from the functional to the frivolous. The exhibit is open during all library hours.

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55 Drive Alive with the AARP

May 3 | Sat | 9a-5p

Ages 16 and older

AARP presents safe driving tips to help prevent and reduce the tragedy of injury and death for drivers on today's roads. Attendees are eligible by Oklahoma Law to get an insurance discount for 3 years. Anyone 16 and older may take the class. A \$10 materials fee is payable on the day of the class. Make checks out to AARP. Co-sponsor: AARP.

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Community Quilting Class with Soldier Creek Quilting Group

May 5,12,19 | Mon | 9:15a-1:30p

Adults

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

Lapsit Play and Storytime

May 5,12,19 | Mon

10-10:45a and 11-11:45a

Ages 10 Months-3 Years with Parents

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

Scrapbooking Crop

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

All Ages

What is a Crop? The name comes from the activity of trimming or cropping photos. Scrapbooking Crops are designed to allow you to meet new friends in a group setting while working on your scrapbooks. Some people attend crops merely for the socialization, while others go to complete as many scrapbook pages as possible. No matter what your intent is, you will surely benefit from a fun gathering with like-minded scrapbookers! Register at the Information Desk or call 732-4828.

Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament

May 6 | Tue | 4-5p

Ages 10-16

Do you have what it takes to be the "King of Games?" Join the Midwest City Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament to trade or play for prizes. No pre-registration required.

Mid-Del Toastmasters

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

Adults

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.

Midwest City Library Chess Club

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

All Ages

Do you like chess? Everyone is welcome to the Midwest City Chess Club. Beginners can learn new moves and veterans can sharpen their skills. Please pre-register due to limited space by calling 732-4828.

Parachute Play

May 7 | Wed | 10:30-11a

Ages 3-6 with Parents

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

Crossing Bok Chitto: A Visit With Author Tim Tingle

May 7 | Wed

1:30-2:30p

All Ages

Choctaw storyteller and author Tim Tingle will perform the story from his award-winning book about a courageous friendship between a young Choctaw girl and a slave-boy. He will also share songs and other Native American tales. Co-sponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.

Hunter Education Safety Course

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

Ages 10 & Older

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



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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. Ages 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Nintendo Wii for Adults

May 12 | Mon | 6-7:30p

Adults

Video games aren't just for kids anymore! Come play the Nintendo Wii with us at the Midwest City Library. Registration is limited so sign up today!

Scottish Gaelic Language Learner's Group

May 14,28 | 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.



Languages & Lifeskills

Wills, Trusts, & Why Probate Isn't So Bad

May 19 | Mon | 6-7:30p

Adults

Catheryn Koss, attorney and Executive Director of the Senior Law Resource Center, will present this free program about various estate planning options such as wills and trusts. The pros and cons of each option will be discussed for different circumstances. The Senior Law Resource Center is a non-profit organization providing legal information and services to seniors and caregivers. More information can be found at www.OklahomaSeniorLaw.org. Co-sponsor: Senior Law Resource Center.

Midwest City Readers' Society

May 20 | Tue | 10a-Noon

Adults

If you enjoy reading and discussing books, come to the Midwest City Library the third Tuesday of each month for our book club. New members are always welcome. Register and pick up your copy of our current book at the Information Desk or call 732-4828.

Teen Anime/Manga Club

May 27 | Tue | 4-5p

Ages 13-18

Teens can join the Teen Anime/Manga Club to talk about teen anime and manga. Please pre-register by calling 732-4828.



Teens



The Village Fair

7th Annual Event

Casady Square Parking Lot (Britton and Penn)
 Host: The Village Library
 Saturday, May 10, 9a - 4p

Welcome spring by visiting the Village Library's Village Fair. Find out who was voted Best Mom in the April "Best Mom" contest. There will be a Best Mom second runner up, and third runner up — all receiving gifts. Children can pot a flower to give to their mom for Mother's Day or tour the craft vendors at the Fair to select special gifts. Co-sponsor: Special Friends of The Village Library.

Teens Helping Other Teens

May 27 | Tue | 5-6p

Ages 12-18

Join the Youth Council of Midwest City. T.H.O.T. is where teens can have fun and help their community. For more information contact Sam Richards at 737-4828.



Teens

Yarn Club

May 28 | Wed | 4-6p

All Ages

Attention crochet and knitting enthusiasts! Bring your favorite pattern, or browse the library's selection. Crochet hooks, knitting needles, and scrap yarn will be available. Register at the Information Desk, or call 732-4828.

Super Bubbles

May 31 | Sat | 2-3p

Ages 10-16

Join "Dr. Strange Sludge" in making bubbles the size of your head and bigger!



Teens

Nicoma Park Library

2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park
 (405) 769-9452

HOURS

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



Choctaw Women's Aglow

May 10 | Sat | 10a-Noon

Adult Women

The inter-denominational meeting of the Choctaw Women's Aglow meets every second Saturday from 10 am - Noon.

Adult Craft Time

May 27 | Tue | 10a-Noon

Adults

Women of all ages come together each fourth Tuesday of the month to make a craft suitable for the season. Come by the library or call 769-9452 to pre-register and learn what we are making this month. If you'd like to stay and chat bring a sack lunch.

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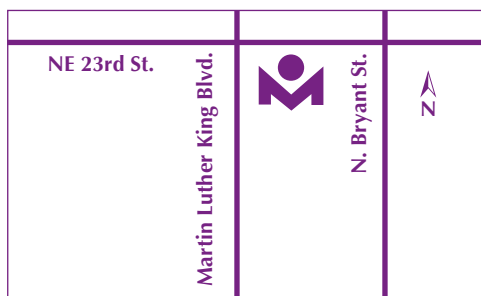
Ralph Ellison Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Southern Oaks Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6



and reading comprehension. Register with the instructor the first day you attend class. Materials are free. Co-sponsor: Mid-Del Adult Learning Center.

Scarlet Kitsune Anime Club Screening

May 7, 21 | Wed
6:30-8:30p

Teens

The Scarlet Kitsune Anime Club will be screening ADV & FUNimation screening reels and other anime titles. Call 631-4468 for more information. Co-sponsor: Scarlet Kitsune Anime Club!



Teens

Crossing Bok Chitto: A Visit With Author Tim Tingle

May 8 | Thur | 10-11a
All Ages

Choctaw storyteller and author Tim Tingle will perform the story from his award-winning book about a courageous friendship between a young Choctaw girl and a slave-boy. He will also share songs and other Native American tales. Co-sponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.



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Teens

Society of Urban Poets

May 3 | Sat | 11a-1p
Adults

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

Let's Talk Toastmasters

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

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

Preschool Story Time

May 13, 27 | Tue
10-10:30a

Ages 1-5

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



AARP Monthly Meeting

May 15 | Thur | 10-11:30a
Adults 50+

Discussion of issues affecting Seniors 50 years and older.

Child Guidance Consultation Appointments

May 2 | Fri | 9a-4p
Ages Birth-5 years

Child Guidance Consultation appointments are provided by Child Guidance Services, Oklahoma City-County Health Department, free of charge. Each child must have a parent with them. Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development and any parenting questions you may have. By appointment only! Call Child Guidance at 425-4412.



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Teens

Spring Craft FUNshine Rave!

May 3 | Sat | 1:30-3:30p
Teens (Ages 11-19)

Make FUN springtime crafts with the Southern Oaks Library teen advisory crew. Put some FUN into your life with sprinkles and happiness and FUNshine. Decorate cookies, make bird feeders, design festive summer shirts, and more. It's gonna be lot's of "FUN"! Co-sponsor: Southern Oaks Teen Advisory!



Teens

GED

May 5, 7, 12, 14, 18, 21, 28
Mon & Wed | 3:30-6p

Adults

Review math, social studies, English skills



Languages & Lifeskills

Southern Oaks Book Club

May 13 | Tue | 11:30a-12:30p
Adults

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

SO Write: Creative Writing Club for Kids

May 15 | Thur | 4:30-5:30p
For Kids Ages 9-12

Come share your writing with us! Kids will do some mad libs, some writing games or exercises, and share something they've written. We'll also have a snack. Pre-register by calling 631-4468 or by visiting the Information Desk.

Building Blocks of Reading

May 16 | Fri | 2:30-3:30p
For parents of young children

In order for young children to become skilled and confident readers, we know that they need many experiences before going to school. This workshop will explore the necessary building blocks and the parent's role in helping children to become readers. Call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to register for the free workshop. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City County Health Dept.



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Parachute Play

May 23 | Fri | 10:30-11a

Ages 3-6 with Parents

Playing games with a parachute. Children will have the opportunity to practice following directions, socializing with others, using language, using small and large muscles, and remaining in control during very active play. Call 425-4412 to pre-register. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Heath Department.



Teen Summer Game Fest

May 31 | Sat | 1-4p

Teens

Come kick off the summer with a video game'a'thon like no other. We have a Wii! Rock Band, Super Smash Brothers, DDR & more!! Please call to pre-register.



The Village Library

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


HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-9

Sat: 9-5

Fri: 9-6

Sun: Closed

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

Music With Susan

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

Ages 2-5 years

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



Spanish Language Class

May 1,8,15,22,29
Thur | 6:30-8:30p
Adults

Join instructor Claudia Marin for a fun, free class to learn the basics of Spanish. Students will meet for 16 sessions on Thursday nights from Feb 14-May 29. Please call 755-0710 to sign up, as space is limited. Sponsored by the Village Friends of the Library.



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Village Kids Book Club

May 3 | Sat | 2-3

Ages 6-7

Come discuss a book, make a craft, or play a game. You can pick the book up at the Information Desk. Please read the book before the meeting. Pre-register.

Tai Chi with Mickey Sherman

May 5,12 | Mon | 9:30-10:30a

Adults

Join Tai Chi instructor Mickey Sherman for these free, fun and informative sessions. For 16 weeks we will meet at 9 am. New participants can check in with the instructor. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

English as a Second Language

May 5,7,12,14,19,21

Mon & Wed | 6-8:30p

Adults

Improve your English speaking, reading and writing skills for people who are new to the English language. Register at 739-1783. Co-sponsor: Mid-Del Learning Center.



Introduction to Microsoft

Excel

May 5,12 | Mon

6:30-8p

Adults

Free individualized instruction. Learn to create workbooks and spreadsheets, use formulas and functions, format data, create charts, and more. Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8 pm, scheduled in 30 min to one hour sessions per individual. Come in or call to reserve your instruction time.



Crossing Bok Chitto: A Visit With Author Tim Tingle

May 6 | Tue | 10-11a

All Ages

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Special Friends of the Village Library Presents: The Village Fair

May 10 | Sat | 9a-4p

All Ages

The Special Friends of The Village Library is having their 7th Annual Village Fair. There will be a "Touch the Truck" area for children and families, craft vendors, a Children's Potting Shed and more! Plan to attend and make or purchase something for your mother for Mother's Day 2008. The winners of the "Best Mom Award" contest will be announced and prizes awarded at this event. Other prizes will be available, so plan to attend and enjoy, while supporting the Special Village Library Friends group. Co-sponsor: Special Friends of The Village Library.

Anime Club

May 15 | Thur | 4-5p

Teens

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



Computer Basics

May 15 | 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.



Teen Summer Reading Volunteer Training

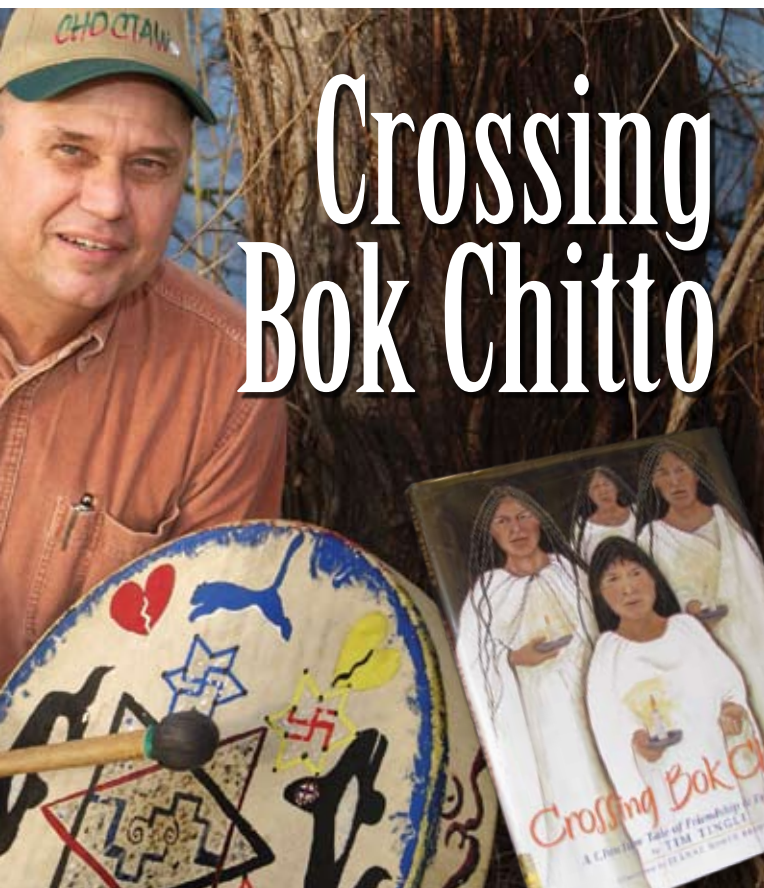
May 17 | Sat | 3:30-4:30p

May 27 | Tue | 6-7p

Ages 12-17

Interested in becoming a volunteer for our Summer Reading Program in June and July? Then call or stop by the Information Desk, pick up an application, and plan to attend one of the two training sessions. Call 755-0710 for more info.





Crossing Bok Chitto

A Visit With Author Tim Tingle

For All Ages

From his award winning book, Tim Tingle will perform the story about the friendship of a young Choctaw girl and a boy whose family lives in bondage. Tingle often uses a Native American flute to accompany his performance as well as gourd rattles and drums —adding depth and drama to the story.

5/6 - Village Library, 10am

5/6 - Warr Acres Library, 7pm

5/7 - Midwest City Library, 1:30pm

5/7 - Edmond Library, 6:30pm

5/8 - Southern Oaks Library, 10am

Cosponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System

Book Discussion Group

May 19 | Mon | 3-4p

Adults

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

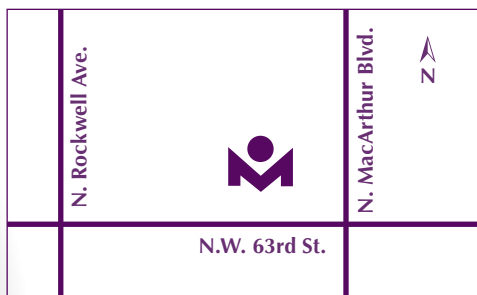
Warr Acres Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



English as a Second Language

May 5,7,12 | Mon & Wed

5:30-8:30p

Adults



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

Music With Susan

May 6,20 | Tue

10:30-11:15a

Ages 2 ½ -5 years



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

Choosing a Caregiver Workshop

May 6 | Tue | 2:30-4p

Adult and caregivers of young children



Leaving our children with a caregiver, even for a short time is difficult to do. It makes it a bit easier to know that our children are safe, cared for, and provided a good learning environment. This workshop will focus on the how to choose an appropriate caregiver for your child, along with what to look for and what questions to ask in the process. Pre-register by calling 425-4412.

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Child Guidance Consultations

May 9 | Fri | 9a-4p

Ages Birth-5 years



All children MUST be accompanied by parent or legal guardian and have a scheduled appointment. Each appointment is approximately one hour with discussion about the normal range of early development and any parenting questions you may have in regard to your child. Please call to schedule an appointment at 425-4412.

Children Weaving With

Elia Woods

May 10 | Sat

10:30a-Noon

5 Years and Older



Welcome to the world of weaving! Children will learn how to make a loom out of cardboard and popsicle sticks, and use colorful wool yarn to weave a mug rug (coaster) or to take home. Pre-register, because class size is limited.

Prizes For Children Caught Reading

May 12-18 | Library Hours

Ages 1-11 years old

Warr Acres Library is celebrating Children's Book Week May 12-18 and "Get Caught Reading Month." Children caught reading in the library during the week of May 12-18 will receive a prize.

Warr Acres Book Club

May 12 | Mon | 11a-Noon

Adults

The Warr Acres Library Book Club meets

the second Monday of each month. This month we will be discussing *Gardenias for Breakfast* by Robin Jones Gunn.

Play Time for Babies and Tots

May 14, 21, 28 | 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 toys, lap games, and a story with Miss Alma and her puppets. (Siblings welcome) Pre-register at 721-2616

May 15 | Thur | 7-8:30p

Ages 13-17



Join us for Rock Band, Super Smash Brothers, DDR & more. Please call to pre-register.

Coffee Break

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

Adults

Join us on the 3rd Monday of each month for coffee and conversation in a relaxed, informal setting. Light refreshments will be served in our meeting room.

Healthy Brain Strategies

May 19 | Mon | 10:30-11:30a

Adults

Tiffany Wagner from the Alzheimer's Association will focus on preserving and maintaining your brain health by talking about the biological, psychological, and social connections that affect your brain.

Children Reading to Dogs

May 22 | Thur

6:30-7:30p

Age 5 & Older



Loveable dogs and their trained owners will help children develop reading skills. So grab a favorite book and enjoy a time of reading in our meeting room. Dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams by Therapy Dogs International. Children will read 5-10 min. each. Call to pre-register.

School's Out Party

May 29 | Thur | 7-8p

Ages 12-17



Teens

No more teachers, no more books....let's party!! Lot's of food and fun. Please call to pre-register.

Wright Library

2101 Exchange, OKC

(405) 235-5035

HOURS

Tue-Thur: 10-5:30 Mon & Sun: Closed

Fri & Sat: 10-3



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Ralph Ellison | Southern Oaks | The Village | Warr Acres | Wright

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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.

Nguyen, Dat. *Dat: Tackling Life and the NFL*, by Dat Nguyen with Rusty Burson; foreword by Darren Woodson.

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