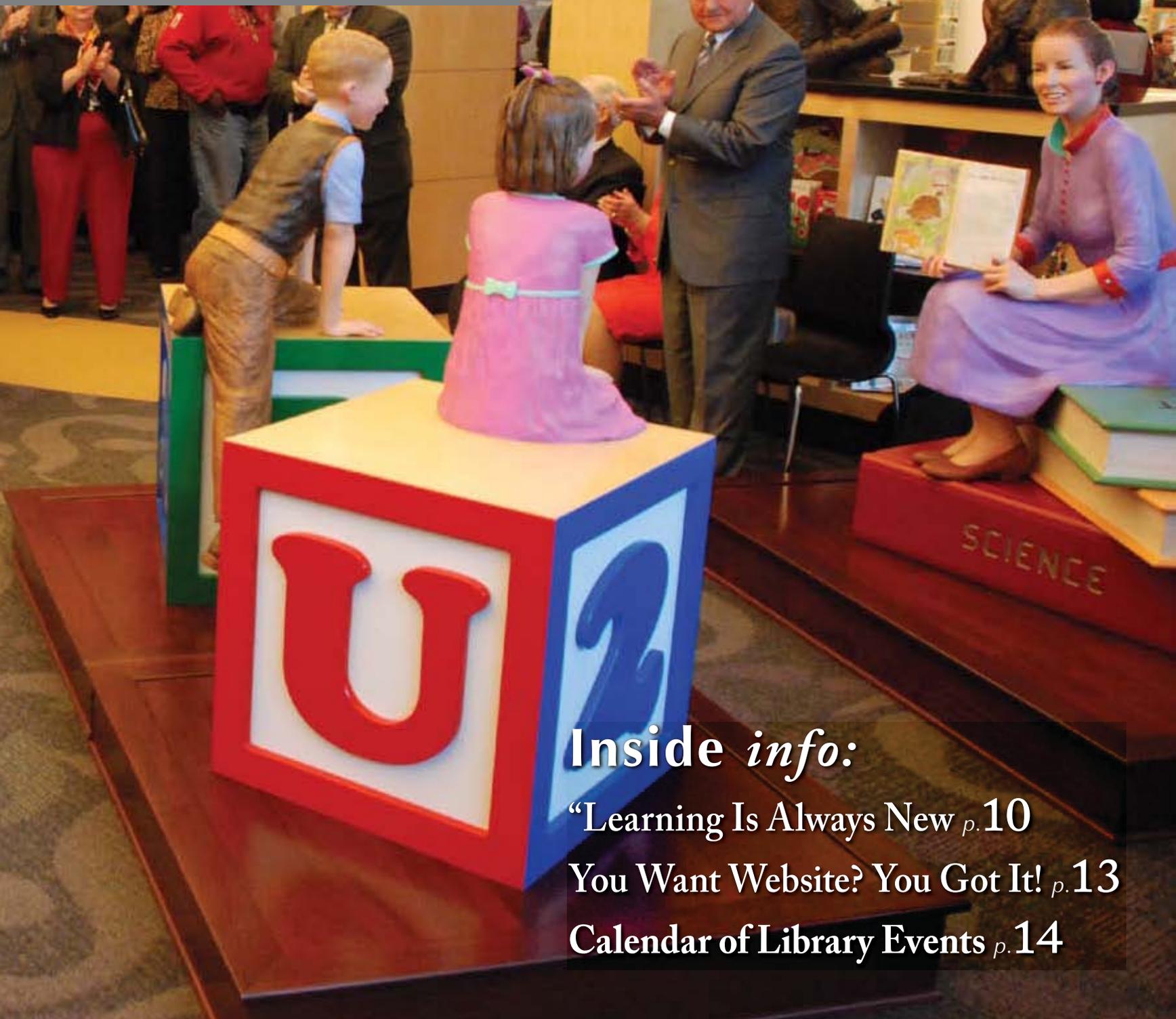


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New info

We hope that if you still haven't had a chance to visit the new Downtown Library, you'll find time to drop in and take a look at the wonderful new sculpture that's been installed in our Children's Area. See the article on page 10 for some background on this remarkable work of interactive art.

Some of our libraries are presenting programs with an Hispanic flair during this month of Cinco de Mayo, including a mariachi concert and instruction in Salsa dancing at the Ralph Ellison Library, and a display of Flamenco dancing at Edmond Library. All our monthly programs for May are included in the Calendar of Events in this issue.

Stamping our feet or swaying our hips, with or without castanets, MLS has the buleria rhythm in May.

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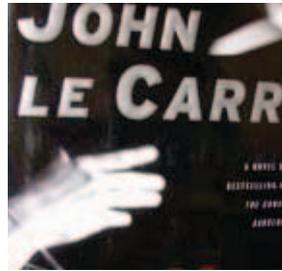


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Susan Geissler's sculpture "Learning" is welcomed by former Oklahoma City mayor Ron Norick.



Oklahoma Images



Much Ado About Contented Cows

by Larry Johnson

*Contented cows,
you older readers may
recall, were what made
Carnation's dairy
products so delicious.
But the term can
also describe white
middle class America
in the 1950s.*

Either way, this photo from 1956 represents both.

The Carnation dairy store and restaurant was located just west of the corner of NW 23rd and Western. When it was built in 1946, it was among the vanguard of the final commercial attack on Downtown's Main Street. Commercial zones providing daily necessities had been developed at The Paseo, the Plaza district on NW 16th, and at NW 36th and Western, but by the early 1950s the area west of Carnation would see the arrival of the sprawling Sears store at NW 23rd and Pennsylvania, as well as the ones at Penn Square and Shepherd shopping centers along each axis after that.

Twenty-Third Street was lined with bungalows at the time and indeed two houses were relocated to another part of the city to make way for the shiny new building. This Carnation store and restaurant featured a menu very much like the Braum's stores we have today with hamburgers, fries and ice cream treats the mainstays. But it was something new and different in 1946. It was an incursion by a rising national chain during a time when Oklahoma was not considered prime territory for such things.



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The crisp red and white décor accented by shiny stainless steel fixtures was a reassurance to many a stay-at-home mom who typically found hamburger joints were located in holes-in-the-wall Downtown (McDonald's and Sonic were still a decade away). But kids loved its array of shakes, malts, sundaes and such giveaways as vinyl puppets and paper dolls, and many Baby Boomers can still recall begging their parents to go there after church, or savoring a shake after Danse Soiree.

Carnation was in that location from 1946 to 1964.

The building would house the Beef & Bun and later Jack's (run by legend Jack Sussy) before evolving into China Garden, with its streamline topper transformed into a pagoda. China Garden was razed a month or so ago and the bulldozers are preparing the ground for a fabulous new plaza which will serve as a welcome center and gateway for the Asian District.

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

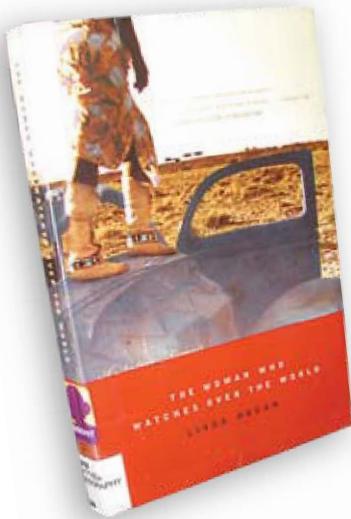


Reviews & Recommendations

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ON THE SHELF

The Woman Who Watches Over the World: A Native Memoir by Linda Hogan

reviewed by Kelley Riha



Last fall, I met Linda Hogan and gushed in appreciation for her Pulitzer Prize nominated *Mean Spirit*. She said she had written numerous books, yet I'd seen only one. Now I am challenged to find and read everything she's written. Two of her novels later and it was time to read something more about Hogan than the inside covers of her books could offer.

In *The Woman Who Watches Over the World*, Hogan shares the story of her early years. As did many military families in the mid '50s, her family lived overseas and she felt the strain of a parent's alcoholism. In adolescence she pursued a love affair with a man twice her age, acting as his wife in every way. When returning to America, crossing the ocean to leave Germany and her lover, she felt a new freedom as she rode the swells and dips of the expansive sea.

Her experiences are often tempered with pain and heartache. She and her husband adopt two

little native sisters. Their hopes for a normal family are destroyed as the girls' problems come to light. Later, Hogan's love of horses becomes the source of a life threatening accident. The events reveal a slate of difficult circumstances and relationships Hogan describes as "broken," but it is from these imperfections that miracles occur.

Who is the woman who watches over the world? She is Native American author Linda Hogan recording observations of how her world turns and how history enters into the present. Written in an easy-to-read journal style, the entries lighten the weight of tragic events that combine to make up Linda Hogan, author and poet.

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.

FICTION/
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ON THE SHELF

A Most Wanted Man by John Le Carre

reviewed by Doug Bentin



A Turkish heavyweight boxing champion sauntering down a Hamburg street with his mother on his arm can scarcely be blamed for failing to notice that he is being shadowed by a skinny boy in a black coat.

Now that's a first sentence to be proud of. Of course, John Le Carre has been writing wonderful sentences at least since *The Spy Who Came in From the Cold* 46 years ago. Most of his fiction has dealt realistically with the world of espionage and the end of the Cold War was something of a shock to him, but he's been acknowledging that you don't need foreign governments to spy on in a world teeming with secrets.

With *A Most Wanted Man*, le Carre returns to

the classic novel of espionage in which everyone thinks his cause is just and no one sees himself as unpatriotic. The "war on terror" is the new cold war, and it's getting warmer all the time.

Last year, le Carre told an interviewer that his best novels are *The Spy Who Came in From the Cold*; *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy*; *The Tailor of Panama*; and *The Constant Gardener*. He must not have read *A Most Wanted Man* yet.

This item is also available as an audio book.

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/>



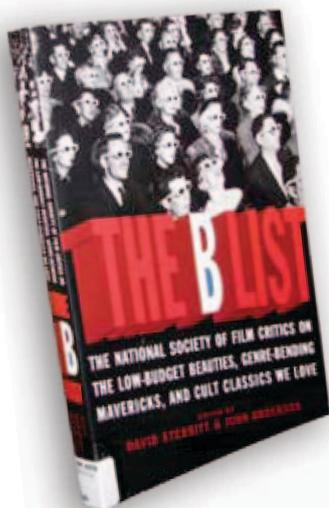
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ON THE SHELF

The B List: The National Society of Film Critics on the Low-Budget Beauties, Genre-Bending Mavericks, and Cult Classics We Love

edited by David Sterritt and John Anderson

reviewed by Doug Bentin



Loving the films of Bergman, Fellini and Welles may make you a cineaste, but to be a real film-lover you have to appreciate the kind of movie that has been called “the Hollywood stepchild, the underbelly of the double feature.” These are the wonderful B movies, with their laughable budgets and endearing casts of has-beens and never-weres, and this book, by the most distinguished film writers still holding down paying jobs, is a great introduction to the back lot world of sweaty cops and robbers, vine-swinging jungle adventurers, and

cheesy “Zippers From the Black Lagoon.”

Here are essays about made-on-the-cheap film noir, science fiction, road movies, westerns, rock’n’roll musicals and monster flicks by critics the caliber of Roger Ebert, Peter Travers, Richard Schickel, David Ansen, Richard Corliss, and many more.

This isn’t a list of movies so bad they’re good—most of the films under discussion repay repeated viewings. Read the book, see the movies, and you’ll never confuse cost with quality again.

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A Comrade Lost and Found: A Beijing Story

by Jan Wong

reviewed by Jana Hausburg

“I comforted myself with the fantasy that she was alive and well and living in Las Vegas. Then doubts would set in. She must have suffered terribly. Perhaps she was dead.”

Many of us bear the wounds of youthful injustice. Whether real or imagined, betrayal is one of the key paths to maturity and growth, of transformation from child to adult. Few betrayals, however, carry such retribution as those associated with China’s Cultural Revolution, in which informing on another could lead to denunciation, re-education -- and often, death -- for the accused.

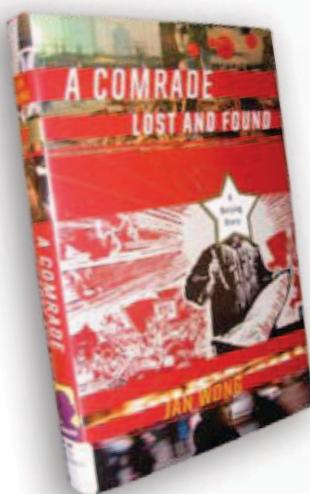
Jan Wong’s memoir deals with her struggle to come to terms with a painful truth. As a young college student in the 1970s, she left her home in Canada to pursue an education in China. A third-generation daughter of Chinese immigrants, she yearned to connect with her distant, ancestral home. She arrived at the height of Mao’s Cultural

Revolution and was seduced by the fervor of Communist Party propaganda. When classmate Lin Yuoyi expressed an interest in visiting American, Wong reported her to the authorities.

Years later, Wong finds it difficult to accept what she’d done. Was it naïveté, delusional thinking, or something more insidious? At the time, she “desperately wanted to believe that socialism was superior to capitalism. I was still in love with China, and falling out of love would be a long, slow, painful process.”

With only a name, four weeks, and no real leads, searching a country of 1.3 billion seems an impossible task. But the quest to find Lin forces Wong to examine what motivated her – and so many others – to betrayal.

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.



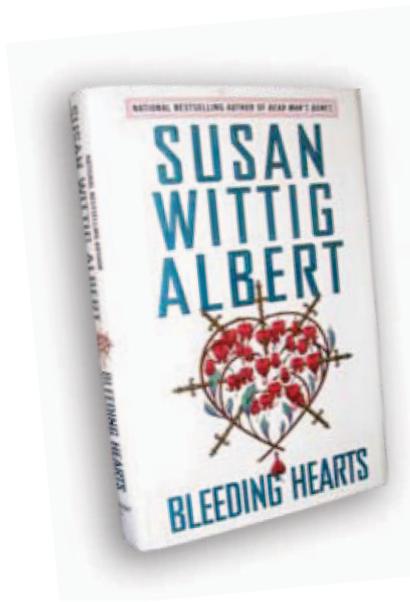


Reviews & Recommendations

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ON THE SHELF

Bleeding Hearts by Susan Wittig Albert

reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



If there were an herb that could cure broken and bleeding hearts, China Bayles could make good use of it in this 14th episode of her herb shop series. The principal of Pecan Grove High School asks her to investigate an anonymous tip that the popular coach, Tim Duffy, has a nasty habit of taking advantage of young female students.

When China follows the tip to Friendship, TX, where Duffy previously coached, she finds a mother grieving the death of her daughter—and blaming her death on Coach Duffy. The mother refuses to believe her daughter committed suicide, but nobody will listen to her side of the story. After all, Duffy is a winning coach, and therefore, above reproach. Meanwhile, China's

stepson is trying to help his girlfriend cope with something so disturbing she won't talk to any adults about it.

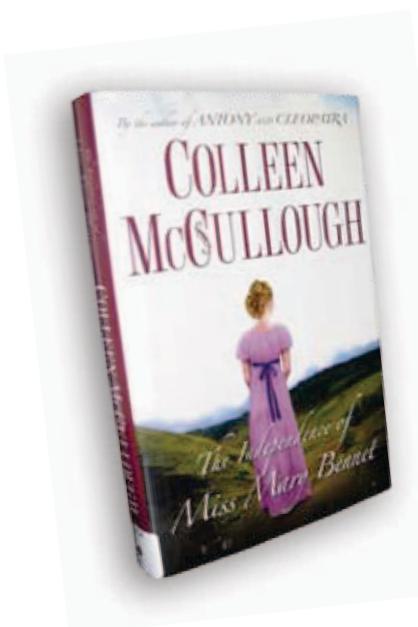
As China works to uncover evidence of Duffy's connection with the suicide victim, she is summoned to her own mother's ranch to help solve a family mystery. The Duffy mystery is neatly resolved, but the family mystery will be carried over into the 15th episode, *Spanish Dagger*, which, fortunately for me, has already been published.

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

FICTION/
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ON THE SHELF

The Independence of Miss Mary Bennett by Colleen McCullough

reviewed by Christine Bassett



Jane Austen is alive and well in the 21st century, or at least her characters are. Love of all things Austen was rekindled in the 1990's with the BBC production of *Pride and Prejudice*. Since then, readers can't get enough of her writings and authors worldwide have taken the bait over the last decade and been composing plenty of sequels to her storylines.

The latest spinoff is from the Australian author of *The Thorn Birds*, Colleen McCullough.

All the Bennett sisters and Mr. Darcy are in the story, but the focus is on the middle sister Mary who has been taking care of her frail mother for

the last 18 years. When Mrs. Bennett dies, Mary decides to go on her own adventures, leading her into both unexpected dangers and the beginnings of a romance.

McCullough has written a compelling novel that will certainly satisfy the longings of all Austen lovers.

This title also available in Large Print.

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.

Buffalo

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*American Music
at the Library*

Buffalo Fitz is an award-winning acoustic duo playing traditional songs, blues, and ballads.

Monday, May 4 - 5:30pm

Capitol Hill Library, 334 SW 26th

Saturday, May 9 - 2:30pm

Village Fair - Casady Square

Thursday, May 14 - 1:30pm

Southern Oaks Library, 6900 S. Walker

Saturday, May 16 - 2pm

Edmond Library, 10 S. Boulevard

Monday, May 18 - 7pm

Belle Isle Library, 5501 N. Villa

Sunday, May 31 - 2pm

Downtown Library, 300 Park Avenue

Tuesday, June 2 - 6pm

Choctaw Library, 25235 Muzzy Street

Tuesday, June 9 - 7pm

Warr Acres Library, 5901 NW 63rd

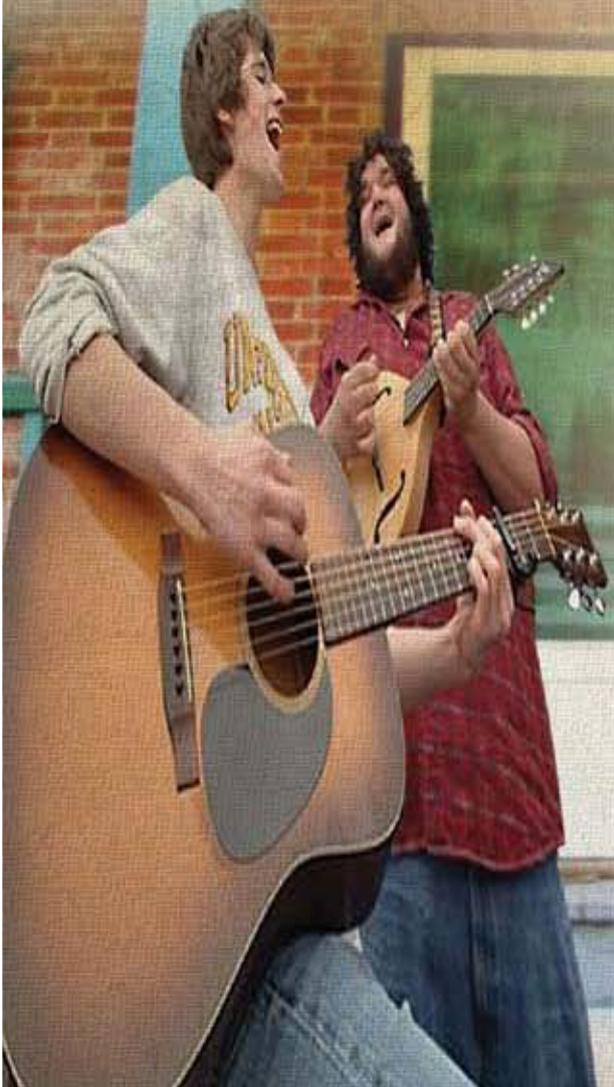
Saturday, June 13 - 2pm

Bethany Library, 3510 N. Mueller

All performances are free, but seating is limited.



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“Learning” is Always New





Early in 2008, Madalynne Norick, mother of former Oklahoma City mayor Ronald J. Norick, on behalf of the James H. and Madalynne Norick Foundation, commissioned a new work of art from New York sculptor Susan Geissler. Geissler has been considered one of the nation's most significant realist sculptors since she began her career in the mid-1980s.

Mrs. Norick wanted the work to represent visually the abstract concept of education, and the result was unveiled at its permanent home in the Children's Area of the Downtown Library, 300 Park Avenue, on March 25, 2009. It is an interactive sculpture in three sections. A boy and a girl are listening to a woman read to them. The name "Learning" was suggested by former mayor James H. Norick, and it seemed just right.

At the unveiling and dedication, MLS Executive Director Donna Morris spoke a few words to the crowd of 80 onlookers. "This sculpture depicts three things that are very important to me: art, libraries and learning. We know it will serve for decades to come to remind generations of children and adults of the importance of the library as a center for life-long learning."

The artist was also on hand. Visibly moved by the absence of Madalynne Norick, who passed away a few days before the event, Ms. Geissler spoke touchingly of memories of her patron and about the process of turning an abstract idea into a material work of art.

Both former mayors Norick, James H. and Ronald J., for whom the library is named, spoke, and then several children who were on hand for the unveiling grabbed the cloth that covered the statue and gave it a sharp tug, revealing "Learning" and collecting a laugh at the same time.

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Downtown Library Manager Julie Ballou and several members of her staff were also in attendance, but Julie chose not to speak. "This event is about the Noricks and the art," she explained. "That's where the emphasis belonged and I'm glad it stayed there."

"Learning" is on display at the entrance to the Children's Area on the library's first floor and can be seen during the library's normal operating hours, seven days a week.

"We are honored," Morris added, "that the Norick Foundation chose us to receive this remarkable work of art."



Capitol Hill Library

This year, the Capitol Hill Library celebrates its 58th anniversary. It was born from a bond election in 1950, and opened its doors to the public on November 11, 1951. The new building won rave reviews for its "ultra-modern" design. The 71 x 125-foot building located at 334 SW 26th came in at a cost of \$212,694.

And here's a touch of Capitol Hill Library trivia—CH was the Metropolitan Library System's first site to have an "auto-page." This was a book drop that allowed customers to return library books without leaving their cars.

When the Oklahoma County Library System was established in 1965, Capitol Hill was one of only five libraries that formed that initial system. (Downtown—then called "Main"—Belle Isle, Wright, and the now defunct Dunbar Library were the other four.)

In 1975, MLS' Technology, Cataloging and Data Processing departments moved from the basement of the Downtown Library to the second floor of Capitol Hill, and when in 1984 we initiated Phase I of a Long-Range Automation plan with the purchase of a Tandem mainframe computer, it was installed at Capitol Hill.

Today, Capitol Hill Library is anticipating its first major face lift. Manager Phil Tolbert and his staff of ten will continue to serve Capitol Hill's diverse citizenry.

Thursday Noon Tunes

Downtown Library Atrium every Thursday from 11:30 to 12:30pm

May 7: Susan Wright Mogilka and Chris Babcock – ballroom dance music

May 14: Wayne McEvilly – piano masterworks and improvisation

May 21: Joe Baxter – Americana acoustic music

May 28: Classen Strings – Classen School of Advanced Studies Orchestra

June 4: Sunshine Hahn – blues music

June 11: Oklahoma Flute Choir

June 18: Stringents = (strin'jant) – rock string quartet

June 25: Contra Dance Demo – backed by Suspicious Contra Band; join in!

All performances are free and open to the public.

Downtown Library

300 Park Avenue | Oklahoma City, Oklahoma | 606-3833





You Want Website? You Got It!

The MLS website address is www.metrolibrary.org and you might be pretty surprised to find out what information and services are accessible from there. On the top of our Home Page are six tabs. The third one from the left is labeled “Catalog & Databases,” which is easy enough to understand. This is where you go to find out what databases we subscribe to. Also, click on that tab to get to our catalog of materials. It’s all included—books, magazines, DVDs, CDs, tapes—well over 1,000,000 items

Now, when you’ve found the item you’re looking for, you can put it on reserve and tell us at which library you want to pick it up. If you live, say, in Bethany and the book you want to read is on the shelf at the Edmond Library, you don’t have to drive to Edmond to get it. Have the book sent to the Bethany Library and you can pick it up there in a day or two.

Neat. Saves you time and gas money. How will you know when it gets to Bethany? Sign up for email notification and our computer will send a message to your computer.

And if you don’t find the title you’re looking for, you can even suggest that we buy the item for our collection.

But what if the item you want is owned by the library system but every copy is currently checked out—you know, that new John Grisham thriller. You can check in the “Reserves” section to find out what your place on the reserve list is. We’ll tell you how many copies of the book we bought and how many reserves were placed ahead of yours. If a friend has loaned you her copy of the book and you want to remove your name from the list, here’s where you do it.

Or how about this: you’re going out of town for a few weeks and you want to make sure that you’ve returned all those

CDs you borrowed from us. Go to the “Borrower” section to see what you have checked out and when it’s due back. If you have a fine for keeping Madonna’s “Hard Candy” checked out too long—it’s possible—and you’re ready to pay, you can go from this page to “Online Payment” and get caught up by using a credit card.

You can also find out what magazines we subscribe to, what libraries have specific titles, and how many issues they have available for check out. Yes, we have MAD; no, we don’t have Playboy.

Spend a few minutes exploring our website. It’s always changing and always makes using the library a little easier.



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

All Metropolitan Library System libraries will be closed May 24 and 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

Belle Isle Library

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

HOURS

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



Children Reading to Dogs

May 4,11,18 | Mon

6-7p

Pre-kindergarten

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



Metro OKC Knit Guild Group Meeting

May 17 | Sun | 3-5p

Teens and adults

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

Buffalofitz Presents:
American Acoustic Music
May 18 | Mon | 7-8p
All Ages



Buffalofitz is a roots-based acoustic duo rolling out of the plains of Western Oklahoma. The band is the combined effort of Buffalo Rogers, mandolin, harmonica, guitar, accordion and vocals and Fitz Jennings, guitar and vocals. They play a mixture of traditional songs, blues, and ballads, together with surprising original songs. In 2006 they won a Woody Guthrie Award from the Oklahoma Gazette.

Free Comic Book Day

May 2 | Sat | 9a-5p

Teens

Pick up a free comic book at any MLS library or local comic book store on Free Comic Book Day. Supplies are limited! Co-sponsors are: All Star Comics, Atomic Comics, Atomik Pop, New World Comics, New World Games & Comics, and Ultimate Heroes.



Score Small Business Counseling

May 2,16 | 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.

ESL: Learn English as a Second Language

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

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

Adults

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



Spring Concert with Spiritful Voices Choir

May 10 | Sun | 3-4p

All Ages

Spiritful Voices Community Choir, an all-volunteer adult mixed choir, returns to Belle Isle in time to celebrate Mother's Day and spring! They're a non-profit performing arts organization formed to serve the community by promoting the talents of singers and instrumentalists of varied ages and diverse backgrounds who share a love of music. Their repertoire includes a wide variety of choral arrangements, including classical, contemporary, ballads, gospel, Broadway show tunes, patriotic, jazz, seasonal, spiritual, swing, humorous and ethnic pieces. Plan to attend this fun and inspiring event.



Silly Goose: Stories of Trickster Animals

May 19 | Tue | 10-11a

Pre-kindergarten

Hear the stories of some animals and their attempts to be something other than they really are. Tips on how to be a trickster just like the animals will be shared. Pre-register at the Reference Desk. 843-9601.



2009 SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY



BE CREATIVE @ Your Library

June 1 to July 31



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

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



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Cinco de Mayo
May 2 | Sat | 2-3p
All Ages

The Luis y Las Nenas band will provide the music for this Mexican holiday. Special activities and refreshments are planned. Outside seating if weather permitting.

Parent Talk
May 4 | Mon | 1-4:30p
Birth to 5 years w/parent or guardian

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

Children's Hour: Evening Storytime
May 5 | Tue | 6:30-7p
Ages 3-8 years

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

Spring Story Time
May 7 | Thur | 10-10:45a
Ages 3-6

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

"Let's Talk About Music!"
May 9 | Sat | 2-3p
All Ages

Just in time for Mother's Day, this educational and entertaining event will feature harp and flute music. Bring your mother, grandmother, girlfriend or any female to

this great program. Refreshments will be served after the event. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Philharmonic and the Oklahoma City Orchestra League.

Fun, Snacks, Coffee & Games
May 15 | Fri | 10-11:30a
Adults

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

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

HOURS
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Fri: 9-6
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May 2 | Sat | 9a-5p
Teens

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Book Day. Supplies are limited! Co-sponsors are: All Star Comics, Atomic Comics, Atomik Pop, New World Comics, New World Games & Comics, and Ultimate Heroes.

Buffalofitz Presents American Acoustic Music

May 4 | Mon
5:30-6:30p



All Ages

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Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance

May 7,14,21,28 | Thur | 6-7:30p
Adults

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

Internet Basics

May 9 | 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 Internet Web sites. Class size is limited, please register at 634-6308.

GameFest

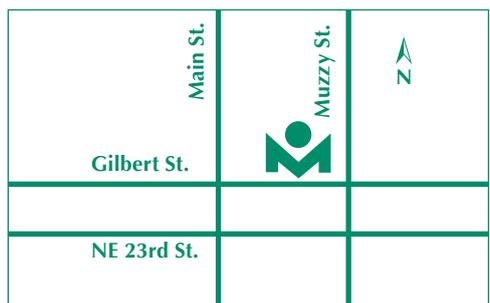
May 16 | Sat | 2-3:30p
Ages 11-17



Teens! Bring your gaming skills and join us for an afternoon of Wii, GameCube, and PS2. Show off your fancy finger work on Guitar Hero, Smash Brothers, or Wii Olympics. Pre-register at the Information Desk.

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

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



“Celebrate Choctaw Library” Teen Essay Contest

May 1-22
Teens



“What does the Choctaw Library Mean to Me?” This year, 2009, marks the 5 year anniversary of the Choctaw Library’s new location. So, get out your thinking caps and answer the above question in a 300 word essay. Be sure to include your name and phone number on your entry so we may contact you if you win! Great prizes are up for grabs! Contest runs from May 1-22.

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Teens



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Choctaw Library’s Pageturner’s Bookclub

May 2 | Sat | 10-11a
Adults

The Choctaw Library Pageturner’s Book Club will meet and discuss Oklahoma writers and their latest works. There may be a surprise visit of several Oklahoma writers. Come by and join in the discussion. Light refreshments will be served. Pre-registration is preferred.

Tried and True Recipe Taste Testing Event

May 2 | Sat | Noon-2p
All ages

The Choctaw Library Guild, Inc will be hosting a “Recipe Taste Testing” of scrumpt-delicious recipes for the community from the Tried and True Recipes Cookbook published in 2008 by the Choctaw Library Guild, Inc. This event is free and open to the public. The Tried and True Cookbook will be available for

purchase at this event. Proceeds will support the Guild Scholarship program for library science students. The Choctaw Library Guild is a 501 c-3 non-profit organization supporting and promoting the Choctaw Library. Co-sponsor: Choctaw Library Guild, Inc.

GED

May 4,6,11,13,18, 20
Mon & Wed | 9-11a
16 years & older



Students are invited to attend free GED classes. Review English, social studies, science and math skills in preparation for the GED test. Materials are provided. Classes are open to students 16 years and older who are not currently enrolled in high school. For students age 16-17, an official withdrawal slip is required. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Community College & State Dept. of Education.

Conversational Spanish

May 4,11 | Mon | 5-6p
Teens and adults



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

Spring Concert With Heartland Voices

May 4 | Mon
6:30-7:30p
All Ages



The Heartland Voices under the direction of Chris Moore will present a medley of uplifting songs to celebrate the Spring season. The Heartland voices are comprised of talented women from Central Oklahoma. This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served

Lapsit Story Time

May 5,12,19,26 | Tue
9:30-10a

Ages 6 months-3 years



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

Story Time

May 5,12,19,26 | 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.



Learn Some New Computer Skills!

The Digital World is Waiting to Be Explored!

These computer classes will be at the Downtown Library, 300 Park Avenue, from 6:00 – 7:30pm:

May 19 Job Searching and Resumès

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

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



Summer Volunteer Training

May 5 | Tue | 6-7:30p

May 19 | Tue | 3:30-5p

Teens



Be creative this summer and volunteer at the library. We need volunteers to help with the Summer at the Library reading program. Hours volunteered count toward community service credit. Please stop by the library and pick up an application and plan to attend one of the training sessions.

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

May 6,13,20,27 | Wed | 5:30-6:30p

Ages 16 and older

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

T'ai Chi With Chris Francis-Advanced Group

May 6,13,20,27 | Wed | 6:30-7:30p

Age 16 and older

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

Family Place: Open Play

May 9 | Sat | 10-11a

Ages 6 months to 5 years with Parents/Legal Guardian



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

Wire Wrap Workshop For Teens

May 14 | Thur | 6-7:30p

Teens



This workshop will show teens how to do basic wire wrapping with 24 gauge color craft wiring, stones, rose rocks and coins to create jewelry. George Findley, a member of the Shawnee Gem & Mineral Society with years of experience, will facilitate the workshop. Pre-register as space is limited! Co-sponsor: Shawnee Gem & Mineral Society.

Children Reading to Dogs

May 20 | Wed | 4-5p

Children who can read

These dogs lend you their ears! They listen while you read to them. Children read to an uncritical and appreciative audience, while improving reading skills. All dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams. Please pre-register at 390-8418.

AARP Defensive Drivers Course

May 23 | Sat | 9a-4p

Ages 14 and older

Attention ALL LICENSED 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 lasting 3 years for any licensed driver aged 16 and up who successfully completes a defensive driver's course. Spaces limited. Please pre-register at 390-8418 or at the Library. Norma Sallee from AARP is the instructor for this course. Fee is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Pay in cash or a check payable to AARP for course materials. Co-sponsor: AARP.

Anime and Manga Club

May 23 | Sat | 2:30-3:30p

Teens



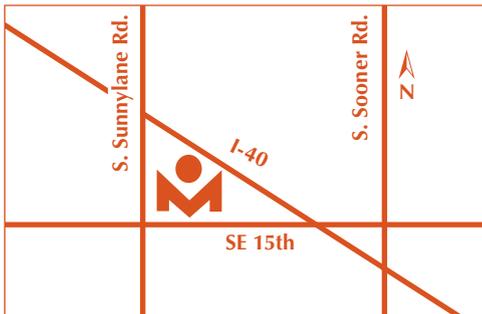
Share and discuss your favorite Anime and Manga. Screen new Anime episodes every month! Other events and activities are in the works, so join in and make this a great club!

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



Free Comic Book Day

May 2 | Sat | 9a-5p
Teens



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Storytime Aerobics

May 7 | Thur | 6:30-7p
Ages 1-5



You went to Jazzercise, now your kids can "Storycize"! Parents and kids join the library for Storytime with music, movement, and stories. and keep their bodies working smoothly. Listening to stories read aloud helps children prepare for reading and improves their comprehension. Get the most out of both for your child and have some fun too. This program is free. Juice provided. Please call 672-1377 for more information.

Experience Bliss with Yoga & Meditation

May 9 | Sat | 3-4p
All Ages

Life Bliss Foundation is a part of a worldwide movement for meditation and healing. Come to Del City Library to learn the practical techniques to experience and radiate your bliss! Call 672-1377 for more information and to register.

Tunes and Tales Storytime

May 12 | Tue | 6:30-7:15p
Ages 4-8

The Del City Library presents "A Cello Storytime" with Erin Elizabeth Yeaman. Ms. Yeaman, an award-winning professional cellist, takes children on a musical and mystical journey through her stories set to the beautiful sound of the cello. You will not want to miss

this special opportunity to be entertained by beautiful music and exciting stories. This program is free. Come join the adventure! This program is part of National Children's Book Week. Please call 672-1377 for more information.

Musical Storytime

May 13 | Wed | 10-10:20a
Ages 1-5



Join the Del City Library during National Children's Book Week for a musical Storytime with Ms. Fran. A story and activities set to music will create a fun, educational evening for parents and children. Please call 672-1377 for more information.

Play Time

May 14 | Thur | 10-11a
Ages 6 months-3 years



Parents, babies, and toddlers, it is time for your monthly get-together. Join us at the Del City Library for our monthly Play Time, a chance for little ones to play while their parents listen to informative guest speakers. This month's speaker is Yolanda Viewins from Healthy Start, where the motto is "healthy babies begin before birth." She will share her tips and advice. This program is free. Please call 672-1377 for more information.

Altered Clothing Workshop

May 14 | Thur
6:30-7:30p
Ages 12-19



Rip it and Stitch it! Deconstruct and reconstruct your old clothes. Learn some DIY tips you can use to transform a t-shirt into something more YOU. Used t-shirts will be provided but feel free to bring some of your own. Please call to register. Supplies are limited.

Beginning Quilting

May 26 | Tue | 6-8p
Adults

It can be intimidating being a novice quilter faced with the jargon and mysteries of the art form. Join us for a quilting information session for beginning quilters. Expert quilters will be on hand to assist and explain various techniques. A supply list is available at the Information Desk and pre-registration is required. Call 672-1377 for more information.

Story Buffing at Its Finest!

May 27 | Wed | 10:30-11:15a
All Ages

The Del City Library presents "Story Buffing at its Finest." It is an amazing adventure with stories and music, performed by "Princess Prose" and "Lady Lyrical." An author and a musician, these unique storytellers combine

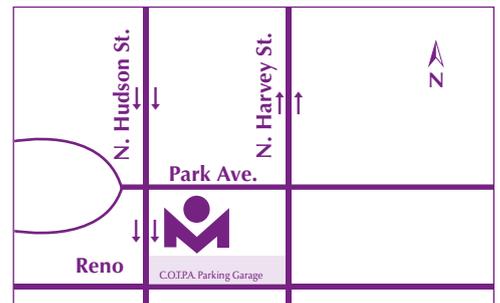
the best of their background and training to create fun stories filled with colorful characters, fascinating story lines, and imaginative endings. It is tandem style story buffing at its finest! Please call 672-1377 for more information about this free program.

Downtown Library

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

HOURS

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



Play With Me! Play Group

May 1 | Fri | 10-10:50a
Infants to 5 years
with Parents/Guardian



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

Free Comic Book Day

May 2 | Sat | 9a-5p
Teens



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Mariachi Music

May 3 | Sun | 2-3p
All Ages

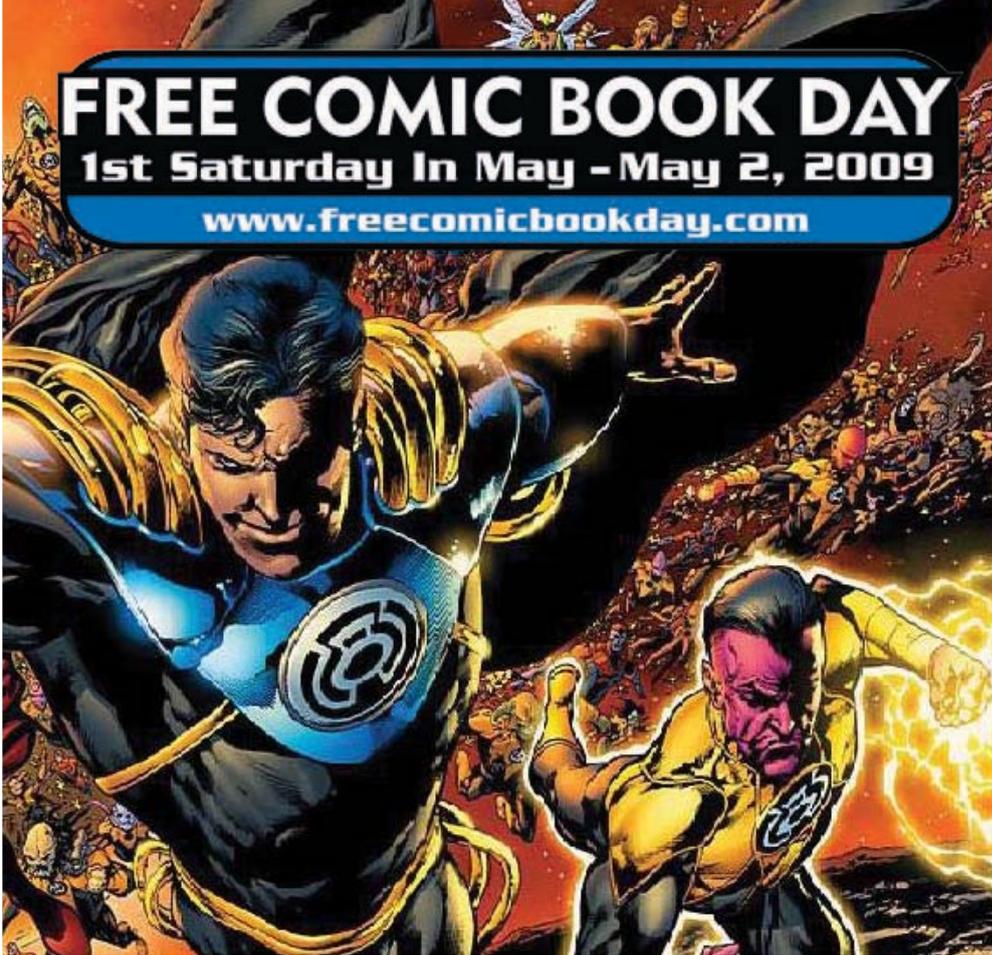


The Oklahoma History Center is presenting a series titled "Old Ways: An Introduction to Oklahoma Folklife" throughout our library system. Mariachi music with Robert Ruiz is the sixth feature in the series. Program includes a short video, followed by a live demonstration, and a question/answer period.

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

1st Saturday In May - May 2, 2009

www.freecomicbookday.com



Pick up a free comic book at any MLS Library or local comic book store on Free Comic Book Day. Supplies are limited!

MLS LIBRARIES

Belle Isle	5501 N. Villa, Oklahoma City	843-9601
Bethany	3510 N. Mueller, Bethany	789-8363
Capitol Hill	334 S.W. 26th, Oklahoma City	634-6308
Choctaw	2525 Muzzy Street, Choctaw	390-8418
Del City	4509 S.E. 15th, Del City	672-1377
Downtown	300 Park Ave., Oklahoma City	231-8650
Edmond	10 S. Boulevard, Edmond	341-9282
Harrah	1930 N. Church Ave., Harrah	454-2001
Jones	111 E. Main, Jones	399-5471
Luther	310 N.E. 3rd, Luther	277-9967
Midwest City	8143 E. Reno, Midwest City	732-4828
Nicoma Park	2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park	769-9452
Ralph Ellison	1918 NE 23rd, Oklahoma City	424-1437
Southern Oaks	6900 S. Walker, Oklahoma City	631-4468
The Village	10307 N. Penn Ave., The Village	755-0710
Warr Acres	5901 N.W. 63rd, Warr Acres	721-2616
Wright	2101 Exchange, Oklahoma City	235-5035

SPONSORS

All Star Comics	842-7800
Atomic Comics	632-2848
Atomik Pop!	635-0848
New World Comics	721-7634
New World Games & Comics	677-2559
Ultimate Heroes	715-0001



Metropolitan
Library System

Questions? Call 606-3834

Computer Basics: How to Get Started with MS Word

May 5 | Tue | 6-7:30p



All ages
Meet in the Route 66 Computer Lab at the Downtown Library for a beginners computer class. This class will focus on using Microsoft Word: writing, saving, printing and more. We will also go over the fundamentals such as using a mouse, understanding your desktop and more. Please call 231-8650 to sign up or ask for Wendy if you have questions.

Wednesday Night at the Movies

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

Ages 13 and older
Join the Downtown Library for Wednesday Night at the Movies! Please call 231-8650 for more information.

May 6: *Persepolis*

May 13: *Star Wars: Episode IV-A New Hope*

May 20: *Star Wars: Episode V-The Empire Strikes Back*

May 27: *Star Wars: Episode VI-Return of the Jedi*

Noon Tunes

May 7,14,21,28 | Thur

11:30a-1p



All ages
Music in the Atrium! Enjoy entertainment during lunch. No food? No problem. Sandwiches and more are available for purchase in the 1st Edition Cafe adjoining the Atrium. Co-sponsored by the Friends

of MLS. Music groups performing in May:

May 7: *Dancers Susan Mogilka & Chris Babcock*

May 14: *Pianist Wayne McEvelly*

May 21: *Joe Baxter*

May 28: *Classen School of Advanced Studies Orchestral Group*

PM Play With Me

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

Birth to age 5 w/adult
Join us for fun with toys and friends. A simple craft and a story are included. During snack time, there will be a short discussion of the topic of the month. This group usually meets the first Thursday of the month. Call to register at 231-8650, ext. 4.



Preschool Aerobics

May 8 | Fri | 10-10:30a

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



Piano Masterworks: Mozart for Mother's Day

May 10 | Sun | 2-3p



All Ages
Pianist Wayne McEvelly returns for a spring series of free concerts. His performances will spotlight 18th and 19th Century masterpieces. May brings Mozart for Mother's Day to the Downtown 46th Star Auditorium.

Storytime

May 15 | Fri | 10-10:30a

Ages 2-5

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



Children Reading to Dogs

May 16 | Sat | 3-4p

Children who can read

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



Links Kids Dance Theater

May 17 | Sun

2:30-3:30p

All Ages
The Links Kids Dance Theater will present a spring dance recital featuring girls ages five through 18. Co-sponsor: OKC Chapter of Links, Inc.



How to Create an Effective Resumes & Find the Perfect Job

May 19 | Tue | 6-7:30p
All ages



Come to the Route 66 computer lab for this excellent class on building an effective and professional resume. In addition there will be tips on searching for and applying for jobs on-line. Materials will be provided by the Metropolitan Library's Human Resources Manager. Call 231-8650 to register or ask for Wendy if you have any questions.

Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County

May 21 | Thur | 3:30-5p



Downtown Library
300 Park Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73102
405.231.8650
The public is welcome to attend.

Music Time with Miss Ginger

May 22 | Fri | 10-10:40a
Ages 2-5



Enjoy songs, musical games and a story with Ginger Waldrip of Ginger's Kindermusik. Please register so that we can provide instruments for all. Call 231-8650, ext 4.

Parent Talk and Teacher Talk

May 28 | Thur | 2-4p
Parents/teachers of children 12 and younger



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

Parachute Play!

May 29 | Fri | 10-10:40a
Ages 2-5



Play games with a parachute, children will practice skills such as: following directions, socializing with others, using language, using small and large muscles and remaining in control during very active play. Call to register at 231-8650, ext. 4. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City County Health Department.

Salute to Veterans: Researching Our Ancestors' Military Service

May 30 | Sat | 2-4p
All ages



From Lexington & Concord to Baghdad, our brave US soldiers have protected us. Find out more about the roles your family members have had in defending America since 1775. Learn what military service records exist and how to access them with this overview of America's fighting forces. Please call 606-3856 to register.

Buffalofitz Presents American Acoustic Music

May 31 | Sun | 2-3p
All Ages



Buffalofitz is a roots-based acoustic duo rolling out of the plains of Western Oklahoma. The band is the combined effort of Buffalo Rogers, mandolin, harmonica, guitar, accordion and vocals, and Fitz Jennings, guitar & vocals. They play traditional songs, blues, and ballads, together with original songs. In 2006 they won the Oklahoma Gazette Woody Guthrie Award.

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

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

S. Broadway	Main St.	N. Boulevard	
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Teens



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Stamp Club
May 2,16 | Sat | 10a-Noon
4th grade and older

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

GED

May 4,7,11,14
Mon & Thur | 9:30a-12:30p
Age 18 & older



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

Preschool Story Time

May 4,11,18 | Mon
10-10:30a
Ages 3-5



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

English as a Second Language

May 4,6,11,13
Mon & Wed | 1-4p
Adults



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

ESL/Citizenship

May 4,6,11,13
Mon & Wed | 5:30-8:30p
Adults



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

GED

May 5,7,12,14
Tue & Thur | 5:30-8:30p
Age 18 & older



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

AARP Driver Safety Class

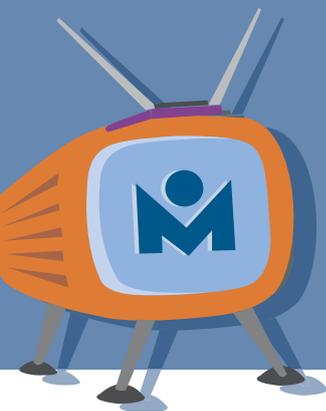
May 5 | Tue | 9:30a-4p
Seniors

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 years or older may sign up. Pre-registration is necessary. Co-sponsor: AARP.

READ ABOUT IT

Discussions With Authors & Book Reviews

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



OKLAHOMA CITY— A party that ends in murder, outlaws in Oklahoma, and the disturbingly true story of sterilization in Oklahoma, 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 2 Victoria Nourse, law professor at the University of Wisconsin, will discuss *In Reckless Hands*, a book about eugenics, (the sterilization of habitual criminals and the feeble minded in the 1920s and 1930s.)

Guests and program schedules are subject to change without notice.

May 9 Karen Cross, Oklahoma teacher, will discuss *If I Had Known*.

May 16 Carolyn Hart, internationally known author, will discuss her latest Death on Demand mystery series addition, *Dare to Die*.

May 23 Jim Marion Etter, Oklahoma author, will discuss *Thunder in the Heartland*, stories inspired by real Oklahoma incidents.

May 30 Larry Derryberry, former Attorney General of Oklahoma, will discuss *The Lollipop Mine*.

Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me

May 5,12 | Tue | 10-11a
and 11a-noon

Infants - 4 years w/parents
or guardians

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



is offered in increments of 30 minutes to an hour. Call (405) 341-9282 ext. 3 to sign up for your time.

Computer Instruction with Dave

May 6,13,20,27 | Wed
7-8p

Ages 18 & older

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



So Many Books, So Little Time Story Hour

May 7 | Thur | 3:45-4:45p

Grades 1-3

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

Music With Susan

May 8,22 | Fri | 9:30-10a
or 10:15-10:45a

Ages 2-3

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



Music With Susan

May 8,22 | Fri
11-11:30a

Ages 4-5

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



Reader's Choice Book Discussion

May 9 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon

Adults

The Reader's Choice group will encourage you to read and discuss outstanding contemporary fiction. Visit a meeting and enjoy lively discussions. The book of the month is *The Razor's Edge* by Somerset Maugham. Reserve your copy with the library.

Flamenco Dancing

May 9 | Sat | 1-2p

All Ages

The Oklahoma History Center is presenting a series titled "Old Ways: An Introduction to Oklahoma Folklife" throughout our library system. Flamenco Dancing with Alicia Harris is the seventh and final feature in the series. Program includes a short video, followed by a live demonstration, and a question/answer period.



Chess Club for Kids

May 5,19 | Tue | 3:30-5p

Ages 8-13

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

Computer Instruction with Eddie

May 6,13,20,27 | Wed

1-5p

Ages 18 & older

Free! Join Eddie for individual instruction on the computer. Every Wednesday, assistance



The Edmond Book Bunch

**May 9 | Sat | 2-3:30p
Seniors**

The Edmond Library Book Bunch meets once a month at the Edmond Library. The title for this month's discussion is *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan. Reserve your copy at the library. Group is currently full, but call to check on availability.

Parent Talk

**May 13 | Wed | 10:30a-5p
Infants - 4 years w/parents
or guardians**



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

Readers' Theatre: Acting Without Memorizing

**May 14 | Thur | 3:45-4:45p
Ages 8-11**

Do you like to be in plays, but you don't want to memorize your part? Do you like to talk like other people or animals? Can you sound like a wizard, a king, a grumpy bear or a robot? Then Readers' Theatre might be just the thing for you! Join us and try out this fun and easy way to develop your acting talents. Please pre-register by calling 341-9282, x 4 or stop by the Children's Desk at the library.

**Buffalofitz Presents
American Acoustic Music**



**May 16 | Sat | 2-3p
All Ages**

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Lapsit: Playtime and Story Time

**May 19 | Tue | 9:30-10a
& 10:15-10:45a & 11-11:30a
Ages Birth-2 Years**



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

Sustainable Edmond

**May 19 | Tue | 7-9p
Adults**

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

Teaching Children To Be More Cooperative

**May 20 | Wed | 3-5p
Adults**



Sometimes being a parent isn't easy. We will talk about when to discipline or ignore unwanted behaviors. Come and learn the guidance techniques used by experts to teach your child how to cooperate more often. Call 425-4412 to register. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

Lapsit: Playtime & Toddlerobics

**May 26 | Tue | 9:30-10a
& 10:15-10:45a & 11-11:30a
Ages birth-2 Years**



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

Harrah Library

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

HOURS

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



Free Comic Book Day

**May 2 | Sat | 9a-5p
Teens**



Pick up a free comic book at any MLS library or local comic book store on Free Comic Book Day. Supplies are limited! Co-sponsors are: All Star Comics, Atomic Comics, Atomik Pop, New World Comics, New World Games & Comics, and Ultimate Heroes.

Tail 'Waggin Tutors

**May 9 | Sat | 9a-Noon
Kng - 6th Grade**



Come share a book with Duke the therapy dog. He would love to have you practice your reading skills with him. Call for information.

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



Free Comic Book Day

**May 2 | Sat | 1-5p
Teens**



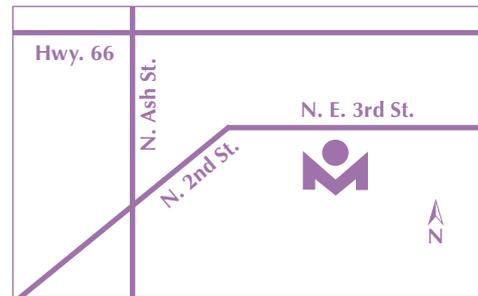
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Luther Library

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

HOURS

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



Free Comic Book Day

**May 2 | Sat | 9a-5p
Teens**



Pick up a free comic book at any MLS library or local comic book store on Free Comic Book

Express Yourself

Summer at the Library 2009

Teen Reading Program

June 1 to July 31



Day. Supplies are limited! Co-sponsors are: All Star Comics, Atomic Comics, Atomik Pop, New World Comics, New World Games & Comics, and Ultimate Heroes.

Free Comic Book Day May 2 | Sat | 9a-5p Teens



Teens

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Living Longer Workshop May 2,7,14,23,30 | Sat | 9a-Noon Adults

Do you have arthritis, diabetes, heart disease, asthma, depression, obesity, or other debilitating conditions? Living Longer is a six-week free workshop held once a week and June 6 for three hours. By taking part in this six-week program you will learn better ways of coping and managing your health. Refreshments will be served each week. Please call 405-732-4828 to pre-register. Co-sponsor: Areawide Aging Agency.

Saturday Morning Cartoons May 2 | Sat | 10-11:30a All Ages

Join us for popcorn and the Disney film about a fish named Nemo. Registration is not required.

Community Quilting Class with Soldier Creek Quilting Group May 4,11,18 | Mon | 9:15a-1:30p Adults

Come join the Soldier Creek Quilting Group and watch as members of this group apply their skills to perpetuate this art

form. Quilting Group members will assist beginning, intermediate and advanced quilting artisans with various techniques. A supply list is available at the Information Desk. Interested? Questions? Contact Mary Okulski at 733-0564 for more information.

Lapsit Play and Storytime May 4,11,18 | Mon 10-10:45a & 11-11:45a Ages 10 months-4 years



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

YA Gamefest May 4 | Mon | 4-6p Ages 10-16



Teens

Bring your friends and come play video games at the library! Wii, Rock Band, DDR, Super Smash Bros, and more. Games are rated E, E10+, and T. All you can eat Scooby-snacks will be served.

Young Adult Board Games May 5 | Tue | 5:30-7p Ages 10-16



Teens

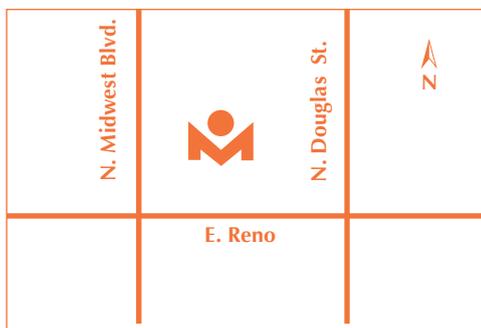
The Midwest City Library has checkers, backgammon, UNO, Monopoly, Sorry, Risk and Taboo...all we need is you. Come join the fun every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Teen Central area.

Midwest City Library

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

HOURS

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



Manga Drawing with Alex Brodt May 1 | Fri | 4-5:30p Ages 10-14



Teens

Calling all Manga Artists (future and present)! To celebrate Free Comic Book Day (Saturday, May 2) Alex Brodt, published Manga artist, will instruct participants in the art of Manga drawing. Requirements: an open and creative mind. Please pre-register at 405-732-4828.

English as a Second Language

May 5,7,12,14

Tue & Thur | 6-8:30p

Adults



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

Mid-Del Toastmasters

May 5,12,19,26 | Tue | 6-8p

Adults

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

Parachute Play

May 6 | Wed | 10:30-11a

Ages 3-6 with parents



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

Music Listening Party

May 6 | Wed | 6-7p

Ages 10-14



Love country music?...the banjos, fiddles' and the combination of themes relevant to all human beings? From the Midwest City Library collection we will listen to country music and discuss its' significance in America...past and present. Please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

Scottish Gaelic Language

Learners' Group

May 6,20 | Wed | 7-8:30p

Ages 10 & older



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

Reptiles and Amphibians!

May 7 | Thur | 7:30-8:45p

All Ages

Come join the Oklahoma City Herpetological Society on the first Thursday of each month at

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

MWC Police Department Self-Defense Class

May 8 | Fri | 4:30-6p

Adults

The Midwest City Police Department will offer a free self-defense class to interested customers. Participants will learn techniques in: choke defense, active punches and kicks. Please pre-register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

Hunter Safety Education

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

Ages 10 and older

This home-study-based course is designed to improve your hunter safety skills and performance on hunter safety tests. Obtain a workbook from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation or pick up a workbook up at the Library. Complete the workbook prior to class and bring it with you to the class. Details about the ODWC Hunter's Education program can be viewed at www.wildlifedepartment.com/hunted2.htm. Ages 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required, call 732-4828.

Child Guidance Parent Talk

May 11 | Mon

12:30-4:30p

Ages 2-5 w/parents



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. Registration is required. Please call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

Movie Night

May 11 | Mon | 5:30-7:30p

Ages 10-16



Come watch a movie at the Midwest City Library. Shortly after each film we will discuss the topic/theme of each movie and your likes/dislikes. Any questions, contact Suzette at 405-732-4828.

AAA Motor Vehicle Crash Prevention Course

May 16 | Sat | 9a-4p

Licensed Drivers

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

Children Reading to Dogs

May 12,26 | Tue | 7-7:30p

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 too. It is especially valuable in building self confidence and self-esteem for those needing an uncritical, appreciative, listening audience to improve reading skills. All dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams. Register at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828. Co-sponsor: Creatures and Kids.

Midwest City Reader's Society

May 19 | 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.

Yugioh Card Tournament

May 29 | Fri | 4-5:30p

Ages 10-14

Bring your Yugioh Cards to trade and play. Each winner will receive cards and/or additional prizes. No registration required.

Chess Club

May 30 | Sat | 11:30a-1p

Ages 10-16



Know how to play chess or want to learn? Come to the Midwest City Library and expand your chess skills. No registration required.

Nicoma Park Library

2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park
(405) 769-9452

HOURS

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



Story Time with Ms. Krystal

May 1,8,15,22,29 | Fri

1:30-2:30p

Ages 1-5



Come join us for "Storytime" with Ms. Krystal at 1:30pm every Friday afternoon. There will be stories, songs, crafts and "FUN". Call the library at 769-9452 for more information.

Free Comic Book Day

May 2 | Sat | 9a-5p

Teens



Pick up a free comic book at any MLS library or local comic book store on Free Comic Book Day. Supplies are limited! Co-sponsors are: All Star Comics, Atomic Comics, Atomik Pop, New World Comics, New World Games & Comics, and Ultimate Heroes.

Choctaw Women's Aglow International

May 9 | Sat | 9:40a-Noon

Adults

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

Ladies Craft Group

May 12 | Tue | 10a-Noon

Adults

Women of all ages create craft items suitable for the season on the second Tuesday of the month. Call the library @ 769-9452 to discover what we are creating this month.

Children Reading to Dogs

May 14,21 | Thur

3:30-4:30p

Ages 4-12



Thursday after school children improve their skills while reading to a dog. D'Leo and his

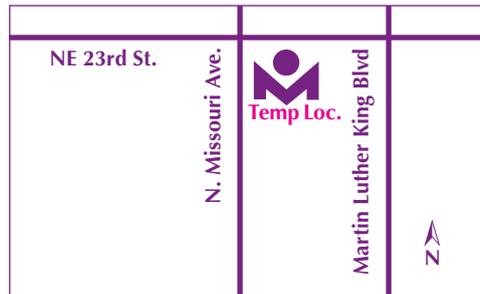
owner are trained and certified as therapy teams by Therapy Dogs International. Bring your favorite book or choose one of ours to read. Pre-register or just drop by. For more information call: 769-9452.

Ralph Ellison Library Temporary Location

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

HOURS

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



The Ralph Ellison Library, now located at 1918 N.E. 23rd, will be at this address temporarily while the 2000 NE 23rd location is under an extensive renovation and expansion process.

Free Comic Book Day

May 2 | Sat | 9a-5p

Teens



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Heroes and Villains Art Contest

May 2-July 31 | Submit entries during library hours

All Ages

The word "hero" means different things to different people. Examples of modern heroes range from comic book superstars like Spiderman and TV's Buffy the Vampire Slayer, to real-life heroes like civil rights leaders and politicians. This art contest is about exploring the many facets of the term "hero" and its counterpart term "villain." The winners of the contest will approach the topic in the most original, provocative or perverse way. All ages can enter and all mediums are welcome. Artwork will be accepted starting May 2, 2009 through July 31, 2009. Questions? Call 606.3459. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Museum of Art.

Mariachi Concert

May 2 | Sat | 3-4p

All Ages

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Mariachi Orgullo de America. Questions? Call 606.3459.



Salsa Dancing Workshop

May 16 | Sat

5:30-6:30p

Ages 12 and older

Ready to get your Salsa on? Come to the library and let a professional dancer teach you the basic steps of Salsa. Questions? Call 606.3459.



Southern Oaks Library

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

HOURS

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



Score Business Counseling

May 1,15 | Fri | 10a-1p

Adults

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

Free Comic Book Day

May 2 | Sat | 9a-5p

Teens

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Babar and Me Yoga
May 4,11,18 | Mon
10:30-11:10a
Kids ages 2-5



Fun and gentle yoga for little ones and their parent(s). All children should be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. Please sign up by calling 631-4468 or by visiting the Information Desk

GED
May 4,6,11,13,18,20,27
Mon & Wed | 3-6p
16 years & older



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

Hands-on Improv with Kelley Riha
May 5 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p
Ages 12-18



Join us for a playful evening of improv games and activities, open to everyone ages 12-18. These games are fun, easy to play, and will help you learn to think on your feet. Expand your creativity today! Call 631-4468 for more information or to sign-up.

Child Guidance Parent Talk
May 7 | Thur | 12:30-4:30p
Parents and caregivers of young children



For parents and caregivers of young children Are you looking for new parenting ideas? Are you looking for answers to important questions about your child? If so, then Parent Talk may be for you. Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development as well as any parenting questions you may have in the areas of speech, language, development and behavior. Workshop facilitated by Tracy Goebel, M.Ed., Speech-Language Pathologist & Teresa Widick, M.S., Child Development Specialist. Call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to pre-register for the free workshop. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

Parachute Play
May 12 | Tue | 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 425-4412. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.

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

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

Anime Club
May 13 | Wed | 6:30-8:30p
Ages 14 and older



We will be screening Funimation reels and other popular titles. Call 631-4468 to sign up.

Buffalofitz Presents American Acoustic Music
May 14 | Thur
1:30-2:30p
All Ages



Buffalofitz is a roots-based acoustic duo rolling out of the plains of Western Oklahoma. The band is the combined effort of Buffalo Rogers, mandolin, harmonica, guitar, accordion and vocals and Fitz Jennings, guitar and vocals. They play a mixture of traditional songs, blues, and ballads, together with surprising original songs. In 2006 they won a Woody Guthrie Award from the Oklahoma Gazette.

Homework Help
May 14 | Thur | 4-6p
Grades 1-5

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



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

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

Free Comic Book Day
May 2 | Sat | 9a-5p
Teens



Teens

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Summer Teen Volunteer
May 2 | Sat | 1-2:30p
May 14 | Thur | 5-6:30p
Teens



Teens

Express yourself this summer and volunteer at the library. We need volunteers to help with the summer reading program. Hours volunteered count toward community service credit. Please stop by the library and pick up an application and plan to attend one of the two available training sessions. Snacks provided.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel
May 4,11,18 | Mon
6:30-8:30p
Adults



Free individualized instruction in Microsoft Excel. Learn to create workbooks and spreadsheets, use formulas and functions, format data, create charts, and more. Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Scheduled in 30 minute to one hour sessions per individual. Come in or call to reserve your instruction time. Village Library (405) 755-0710.

Music With Susan
May 7,14,21,28 | Thur
10-10:30a
Ages 2 - 5



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

Children Reading to Dogs
May 7,14,21,28 | Thur
3:30-4:30p



Children who can read

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

Special Friends of The Village Library Hosts the 8th Annual Village Fair

May 9 | Sat | 8a-4p
All Ages

The 8th Annual Village Fair is located at Casady Square on the west side of Pennsylvania Ave and is open to the public from 8am - 4pm. This is a Village Friends fundraising event and they use the proceeds to benefit the Village Public Library. Merchants of all types rent booth space to sell plants, crafts, jewelry and the Friends have a food booth for those who may get hungry, and much, much more! There will be a full day of children's programs and other performances to be enjoyed by all ages and one entire section will be a parking lot of big trucks for children and their families to enjoy a Touch the Truck event from 10 am-3 pm. Join us for this exciting annual event! Co-sponsor: Special Friends of the Village Library.

Buffalofitz Presents
American Acoustic Music

May 9 | Sat
2:30-3:30p



All Ages

Buffalofitz will perform at the Village Fair, Cassady Square. Buffalofitz is a roots-based acoustic duo rolling out of the plains of Western Oklahoma. The band is the combined effort of Buffalo Rogers, mandolin, harmonica, guitar, accordion and vocals and Fitz Jennings, guitar and vocals. They play a mixture of traditional songs, blues, and ballads, together with surprising original songs. In 2006 they won a Woody Guthrie Award from the Oklahoma Gazette.

Setting Limits With Love:
Do Fence Me In

May 14 | Thur | 5:30-6:30p
Parents and caregivers of young children



Next to love, setting limits is a parent's second most important gift to a child. This workshop will offer suggestions for providing clear, consistent and predictable expectations. Facilitated by Sarita Naegeli. Please call 425-4412 to pre-register. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Dept.

Business Counseling Sessions with SCORE
May 16 | Sat | 9a-Noon

Adults

Thinking about starting a new business? Need some advice with a small business problem? Counseling and assistance is available from SCORE (the Service Corps of Retired Executives). You can schedule a free, confidential session with SCORE member Al Williams on Saturday, May 16 in the morning. Call the Village Library Information Desk to sign up. Co-sponsor: SCORE.

Book Discussion Group

May 18 | Mon | 3-4p
Adults

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

Under the Sea: Make and Take

May 20 | Wed
10:30-11:30a

Ages 3-5 with parent

The Library and the Child Guidance staff would like to invite you to join us for an adventure "under the sea". Children and parents will participate together in making craft projects and playing. Community and Library resources as well as Child Development information will be available. Enroll early: class size is limited. Please call 425-4412 to register. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.



Parent Talk

May 21 | Thur | 1-4p
Parents or caregivers of young children

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



Anime Club

May 21 | 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 and be prepared for some fun discussion. Snacks will be provided. Anime may contain material that is considered unsuitable for ages 13 and younger. Pre-register at the Information Desk.



Introduction to Mail Merge
May 21 | Thur | 6:30-8p

Adults

Free class for adults! Learn how to use Microsoft Excel to create a mailing list and use it with Microsoft Word's mail merge to create form letters, mailing labels and envelopes. Come in or call to sign up. Village Library (405) 755-0710.



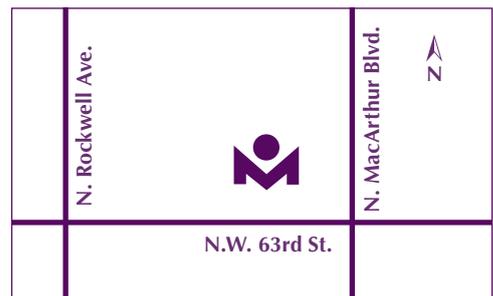
Knitty Committee

May 23 | Sat | 10-11a
All ages

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

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

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



Free Comic Book Day
May 2 | Sat | 9a-5p

Teens

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English as a Second Language
May 4,6,11,13 | Mon & Wed

5:30-8p
Adults

Improve your written and spoken English in this class offered by OCCC. Class and materials are free. Enroll with the teacher.



Music Play With Ms. Susan
May 5 | 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 the library.

Child Guidance-Parent Talk
May 8 | Fri | 9a-Noon
Adults



Free sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development as well as any parenting questions you may have in the areas of speech, language, development, and behavior. Children do not have to be present at these sessions. Please call 425-4412, Child Guidance, to schedule your appointment with Robyn Sears M.S. Child Development Specialist and Deborah Shapiro M.S. CCC-SLP Speech-Language Pathologist.

Caldecott Art Club
May 9 | Sat | 10:30-11:30a
Ages 5 and older

Artist Christina Heffernan will lead children in painting colorful trees like those in the award winning book, *A Tree is Nice*. Art supplies are provided. Please pre-register.

Children Caught Reading
May 11-16 | Mon-Sat | Library Hours
Ages 5 and older

During the week of May 11-16, children "caught reading" in the library will receive a prize. Warr Acres Library is celebrating Children's Book Week May 11-16 and "Get Caught Reading Month."

Warr Acres Book Club
May 11 | Mon | 11a-Noon
All Ages

The Warr Acres Library Book Club meets the second Monday of each month. This month we will read and discuss *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer.

Play Time for Babies and Tots
May 13, 20, 27 | Wed
9:15-10a or 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 14 | Thur
6:30-7:30p
5 years and older



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

Ice Cream Social
May 16 | Sat | 2-3p
Ages 12-17



Let's do some splits!! Food and fun for everyone. Please call 721-2616 to let us know you are coming.

Warr Acres Coffee Break
May 18 | Mon | 9:30-10:30a
Adults

You are invited to join us for coffee and light refreshments. Bring a friend or meet someone new at the library. Coffee Break will be followed by Brain Games. Let the coffee and games wake up your brain!

Brain Games
May 18 | Mon | 10:30-11:30a
Adults

Come for Coffee Break and then stay for Brain Games. Learning new things and making new connections can keep our brains young and healthy, and it can be fun, too! We'll have Big Brain Academy on the Nintendo Wii, and supply you with some quick fun things you can do to help you take care of your brain.

Lullaby and Goodnight Workshop
May 19 | Tue | 3:30-5p
Adults



Having a routine, which includes reading to your child, can ease both bedtime and naptime challenges. We will discuss sleep challenges as well as the advantages of reading to your child so that the whole family can get a good night's rest. Facilitated by Deborah Shapiro M.S. CCC-SLP Speech-Language Pathologist & Robyn Sears M.S. Child Development Specialist. Call 425-4412 to register. Free of charge.

Pajama Storytime for Preschoolers
May 19 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p
Ages 2 1/2 to 5



The "Gingerbread Boy" invites you and your child to a fun story time with Miss Alma and her puppets. We will act out the story of the gingerbread boy; enjoy cookies and milk; and yawn with "Honey Bear." Please call to pre-register.

Game Night
May 28 | Thur | 6:30-8p
Teens 12-17



Come join us for Rock Band, Super Smash Brothers and more! Please call ahead to register.

Wright Library

2101 Exchange, OKC
 (405) 235-5035

HOURS

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

S. Agnew Ave.		S. Rockwood Ave.	N
	Exchange Ave.		
	S.W. 15th St.		

Free Comic Book Day
May 2 | Sat | 10a-3p
Teens



Pick up a free comic book at any MLS library or local comic book store on Free Comic Book Day. Supplies are limited! Co-sponsors are: All Star Comics, Atomic Comics, Atomik Pop, New World Comics, New World Games & Comics, and Ultimate Heroes.

Check out the MLS Website at metrolibrary.org for the most up-to-date calendar information.

Here They Come to Save the Day... Here They Come to Ruin It.

HEROES VILLAINS ART CONTEST

**Your Hero or Villain can be taken from popular culture or real life.
Approach the topic in the most original, provocative or oddball way you can think of!**

Art work accepted beginning May 2, 2009 through July 31, 2009.

**Prizes include VISA gift cards and passes to the Oklahoma City Museum of Art.
Call the Ralph Ellison Library, 1918 NE 23rd at 405.606.3459 for more information.**



Heroes & Villains Art Contest is co-sponsored by the Oklahoma City Museum of Art.

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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.

Jones, Gerard. *Men of Tomorrow: Geeks, Gangsters and the Birth of the Comic Book*.

741.50973/J771m

Free Comic Book Day is May 2, but you can stretch your (nostalgic?) appreciation of comics out all month with this recent history of the form. Jones' knowledge is wide and deep, but his scholarship never gets in the way of readability and he knows how to tell a good anecdote.

Pilcher, Tim, and Brad Brooks. *The Essential Guide to World Comics*.

741.509/P637e

Comic books may have been born in the U.S.A. but today they maintain a world-wide popularity. This book explores comics from Latin America, Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and Down Under, as well as the more familiar titles and characters who thrive and fight evil on our own shores. This is a good introduction to a world of color and adventure.



We're here to serve you.

MLS LIBRARIES	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S
BELLE ISLE 5501 N. Villa, OKC, 843-9601	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
BETHANY 3510 N. Mueller, Bethany, 789-8363	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—
CAPITOL HILL 334 S.W. 26th, OKC, 634-6308	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	—
CHOCTAW 2525 Muzzy Street, Choctaw, 390-8418	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	—
DEL CITY 4509 S.E. 15th, Del City, 672-1377	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—
DOWNTOWN 300 Park Ave., OKC, 231-8650	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
EDMOND 10 S. Boulevard, Edmond, 341-9282	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
MIDWEST CITY 8143 E. Reno, MWC, 732-4828	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
RALPH ELLISON** OKC, 424-1437	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	—
SOUTHERN OAKS 6900 S. Walker, OKC, 631-4468	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
THE VILLAGE 10307 N. Pennsylvania Avenue, The Village, 755-0710	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—
WARR ACRES 5901 N.W. 63rd, Warr Acres, 721-2616	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—

**The Ralph Ellison Library is at a temporary location at 1918 NE 23rd while the original location is undergoing renovations.

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

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