

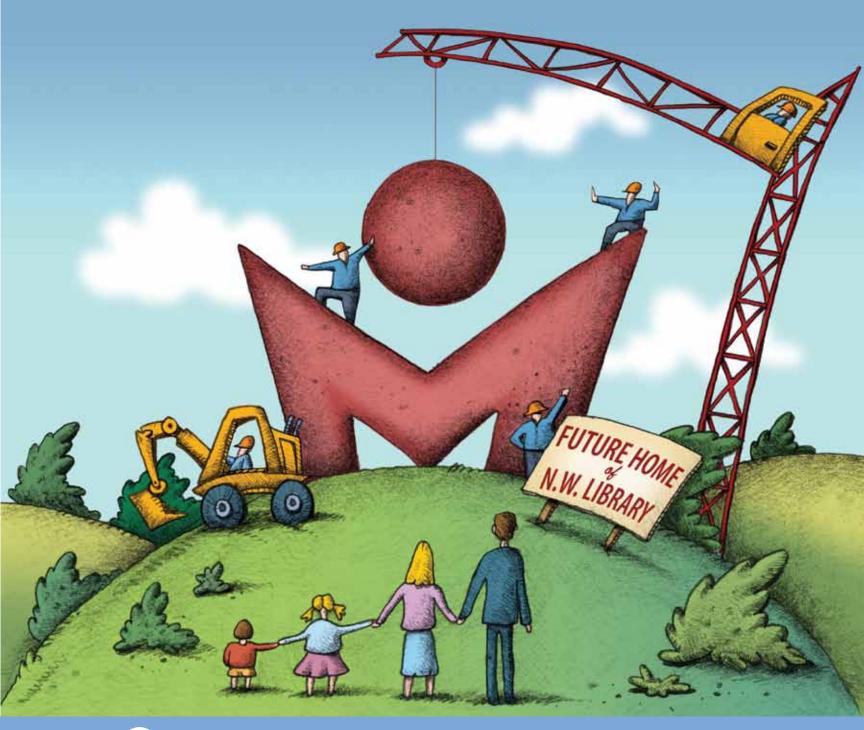
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# New info

The last brand new library to join the MLS family was the Belle Isle Library in the 1960's. Other libraries have been built to replace old libraries or ones located in storefronts, but it's been over 40 years since we've opened a completely new library. And that's one of the reasons we're getting excited about the groundbreaking that took place recently for a new library in the northwest part of the city. Take a look at the article detailing the plans in this issue.

And please allow your eyes to roam at will over the rest of our content for May. Librarian/historian Larry Johnson has offered up a fascinating look at a German WW I hero who became a popular character in Oklahoma City during the 1920s, and our reviewers have found some good recently published books, including a novel that casts a totally new light on one of America's greatest presidential icons.

We've got it all, from the sublime to the ridiculous to the sublimely ridiculous. Hey, that's what libraries do.

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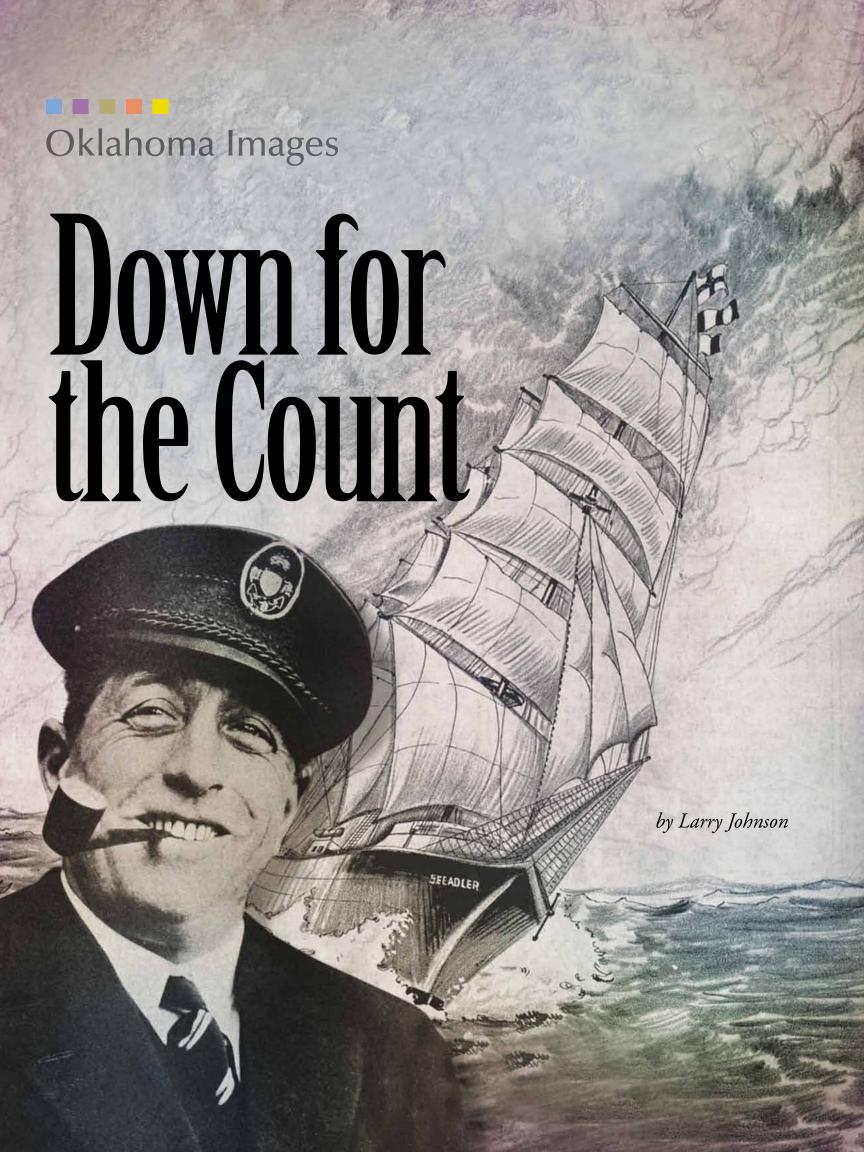
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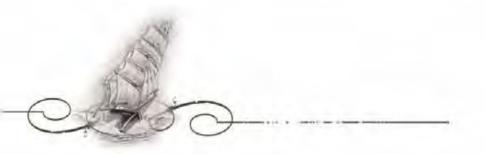
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Every MLS programming event listed in one place. All you need to know about the people, times, and places of this month's library activities.

#### On the Cover

Northwest Library is coming soon.





'm still enough of a small-town boy that I love hearing and telling stories of celebrities and dignitaries visiting Oklahoma City—especially B-list celebrities who found a little bit of the old magic left in starstruck locals.

The best stories are the ones I come across serendipitously – as if I'd turned the corner on

Broadway and seen the person standing there. That happened a couple of weeks ago as I researched the untimely death of a city socialite while trying to date some photos. My eye caught a small notice in the newspaper that said noted World War I sea raider, Germany's Felix Count von Luckner, was staying

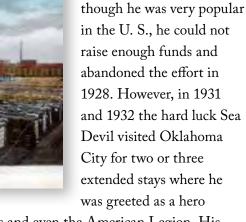
in a room at downtown's Oklahoma Club in 1931.

I'd heard of von Luckner and his ship, the Seeadler, before. It was perhaps the last tall-masted sailing ship used by a modern navy in combat. The ship was originally called the Pass of Balmaha and it was intercepted by the British navy in 1915 while trying to run a blockade with a load of cotton. The British confiscated the ship but before they could get it into home waters, a German u-boat captured it. The Germans put cannon on the unarmed ship, gave it to von Luckner, and turned him loose on the high seas with orders to harass enemy shipping as much as possible. Von Luckner set about swashbuckling his way across the Atlantic and into the South Pacific which earned him the sobriquet The Sea Devil. The count and his crew used all manner of shenanigans to capture 15 allied ships and their cargoes in just eight

months; they sent false radio signals, hid their guns on retractable mounts and even dressed a crew member as von Luckner's wife in order to skirt an allied blockade. Von Luckner and his crew always acted with the utmost bravery and honor and their brilliant success was carried out with the loss of only one life.

In the 1920s Von Luckner tried to raise funds for

a ship that would make goodwill tours, but even



by civic clubs and even the American Legion. His Münchhausenesque tales were enough to make him the toast of any gathering, but it was the fact that the Pass of Balmaha and its fluffy cargo were owned by Oklahoma City global cotton conglomerate Harriss-Irby-Vose (aka Southwestern Cotton Oil Co.) that engendered a no-hard-feelings kinship between victor and vanquished.

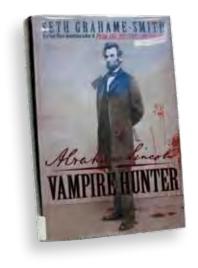
To find out more about this fascinating tale, check out Blaine Pardoe's The Cruise of the Sea Eagle (On the Shelf: 940.45943/L9417p/BIOGRAPHY) from the Metropolitan Library System.

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

# **Reviews & Recommendations**



reviewed by Doug Bentin



Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter by Seth Grahame-Smith

Well, it had to happen. After Seth Grahame-Smith turned the Bennett sisters in Pride and Prejudice into state of the art zombie killers, you knew that he'd find a real person from history to transform into a destroyer of supernatural evil, and Honest Abe is the guy.

The novel is based, supposedly, on Lincoln's lost journal. In it, the old rail splitter informs us that he could use an ax to chop up more than just fence

The book purports also to inform us as to the real causes of the Civil War and concludes with the fact that in 1901 Robert Lincoln, Abe's son, had his father's casket buried in cement to frustrate would-be grave robbers. "In fact, no one had even managed to pry the president's heavy casket lid

open. If they had, they would have been shocked by what they found."

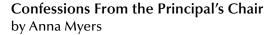
Cue a sinister cackle from the Crypt Keeper.

You may think this kind of thing is tacky, or maybe just silly, but there is a subversive charm to what will probably be a short-lived subgenre of . . . what? Horror? Fantasy? History?

Note that the MLS CyberMARS catalog lists the items we own in alphabetical order, and the title following this one is The Abraham Lincoln You Never Knew. How appropriate.

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

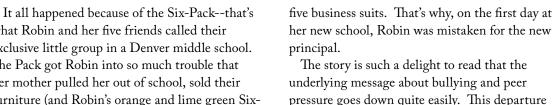




what Robin and her five friends called their exclusive little group in a Denver middle school. The Pack got Robin into so much trouble that her mother pulled her out of school, sold their furniture (and Robin's orange and lime green Six-Pack wardrobe), and hit the road for Oklahoma.

Robin was so angry that she began to scrawl on a yellow pad that she was being kidnapped. That led to a little trouble in Prairie Dog where they stopped for lunch. While that business was being ironed out, her mother decided to give the tiny town a try. When she offered to buy Robin a new wardrobe for school, Robin spitefully chose

reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



The story is such a delight to read that the underlying message about bullying and peer pressure goes down quite easily. This departure from Myers' usual historical fiction will appeal to those who just want to read for fun, especially eighth-grade girls.

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





# The Faithful Gardener: A Wise Tale About That Which Can Never Die by Clarissa Pinkola Estes, Ph.D.

reviewed by Kelley Riha



"'For the earth is so patient. See? It takes the seed, the weed, the tree, the flower; it takes the rain, the grain and the fire. It allows and invites entry. It is the perfect host,' said Uncle." And it is from this man, this uncle that a voice is given to many of the stories Estes relates in *The Faithful Gardener*.

Clarissa Pinkola Estes, Ph.D., was immersed since childhood in the old and demanding oral traditions handed down to her "day by day, task by task, test by test, prayer by prayer, story by story," by her immigrant and refugee family elders, both Hungarian Magyar and Mexicano. From her simple beginnings, Dr. Estes became an internationally acclaimed poet, scholar, diplomat, Jungian psychoanalyst and cantadora—keeper of the old stories in the Latina Tradition—per mavenproductions.com.

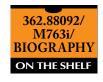
The Faithful Gardener is written as a series

of stories leading one into another. Through experiencing the stories, one person becomes connected to another and so it goes. Estes shares the warmth of her relationship with her Hungarian uncle who teaches her about love, life and everything in between including, that which can never die.

Dr. Estes' previous book, *Women Who Run with Wolves* is also available in English on audio tape & compact disc. We have the book in Spanish if you'd prefer.

As I write this, I find today is Dr. Estes' birthday, so !feliz cumpleanos, Dr. E!

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.





In 1978, a Frenchman living in Manhattan was blinded during an attempted robbery. A career based on sight -- painting, photography, filmmaking -- came to an end.

The morning came and already I knew that I was on the way to an irrevocable fate. By the morning, I was totally blind. So it took me a night; it was very fast, very drastic. And then you find yourself lying in a bed with that new situation at hand. With that new person.

The book is small, the writing spare. The text is weighted with the gift of insight and a lack of self-pity. I've never read such a gripping account of the absolute, paralyzing fear that a person born with

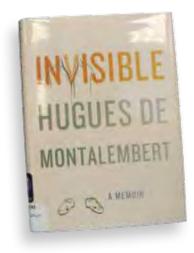
reviewed by Jana Hausburg

sight experiences when he suddenly loses the ability to see. Nightmarish, incapacitating fear.

It all comes down to choice. Montalembert could have given into the fear, could have let it suck him under and drain him. He didn't. He could have divined some meaning out of a random act of violence. He didn't. He could have committed suicide. He didn't.

Suicide? No. Orders are to go on living, meanly, painfully, scrupulously.

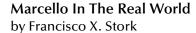
And waking up each morning, full of hope.



# **Reviews & Recommendations**



reviewed by Christine Bassett



firm going against internal protocol and even his own father. Marcelo finds that he can stand up for himself and others in need when presented with ethical choices rather than be manipulated by other seemingly stronger individuals. The whole experience turns out to be life changing for Marcello as he finds that indeed, inspite of his fears, he can function very well in the real world.

Similar to Christopher Boone in The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, the protagonist Marcelo Sandoval is a high functioning teenager with Asperger's syndrome. He ventures into the real world one summer when his father decides that it is time for him to experience real life working in the mail room of his law office, rather than doing the preferred summer job which is caring for the ponies in a very safe environment at a special school.

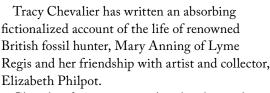
> Christine Bassett has worked for the MLS for nearly 10 years. She currently works as a reference librarian at Belle Isle and is a volunteer community literacy tutor in her spare time.

Marcelo learns much more than how to collate mail in a large company. He develops a friendship with Jasmine who runs the mail room and together they take on the ethics of the law



#### **Remarkable Creatures** by Tracy Chevalier

reviewed by Christine Bassett

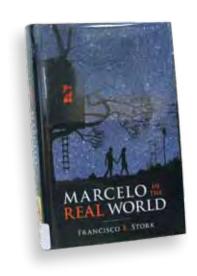


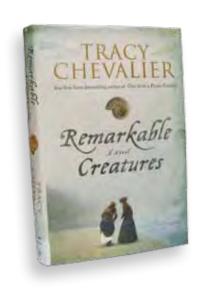
Chevalier draws you into this absorbing tale leaving you wanting to know more about the subject. A wealth of other information has been written about Anning who collected fossils on the beach at Lyme on the south coast of England (a famous haunt of Jane Austen) in the early nineteenth century when this hobby was becoming a serious scientific endeavour. She collected ammonites, trilobites and vertebrates

which she and her family sold to visitors in order to buy food for her poor family. She came to the attention of the geological community when she discovered a complete skeleton of an Icthyosaur in 1811, becoming an expert in the field and a well respected fossil collector sought after for advice on anatomy and classification in spite of being working class and excluded from the Geological Society for being a woman.

Chevalier is best known for being the author of Girl With The Pearl Earring but this, her latest novel, is bound to be another favorite for readers of historical fiction

This title also available as an audiobook.







# Lights, Camera, Library!

A local girl found a way to celebrate her fifth birthday that was a little out of the ordinary—she went to her neighborhood MLS library and starred in a TV commercial.

Young Caroline had the time of her life, and to make the event even more memorable for her, she got to appear



in the ad with her father. The setting is outside the Edmond Library. She

sits on her dad's lap as he reads her a story.

The two are seated next to a lifesized statue called "The Reader," that was created by Edmond artist Mary Lou Gresham in 1995.

Produced by SweatEquity Productions, filming was well underway in three of the



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libraries within Oklahoma County. Aside from Edmond, the production team also

shot footage in The Village and Midwest City libraries. Staff from the various libraries had fun being

"Our latest campaign will target the benefits of having a library card and showing that we are your neighborhood library."

part of the filming and many of the library members were able to see first hand during the two day shoot how television production works.

Kim Terry, Marketing & Communications Director for MLS said, "It's so exciting making a new commercial and such a pleasure to

have Caroline celebrate her 5<sup>th</sup> birthday on set with us during filming.

"Our latest campaign will target the benefits of having a library card and showing that we are your neighborhood library."

SweatEquity director Brett A. Hart made sure that the ambiance of each library was represented on



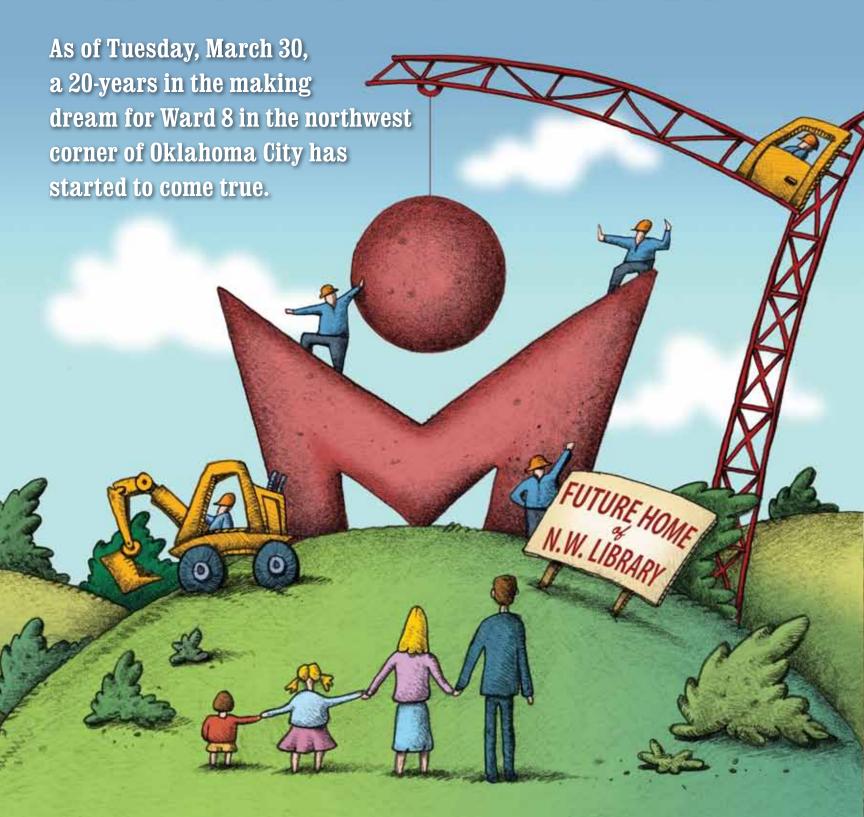
screen without interfering too much with the libraries' workday operations. The production

team also had to be careful not to photograph anyone who didn't want to be photographed. It's hard to believe, but not everyone wants to be on TV!

You can see a short "Behind the Scenes" video on the web at http://www.youtube.com/user/metrolibrary, as well as the three commercials.

The new commercials will be aired on both broadcast and cable channels in May.

# A New Library Will Paint the Town Green



hat's when Mayor Mick Cornett, Ward 8 Councilman Patrick Ryan, Metropolitan Library System Commission Chair Carolyn Willis, and MLS Executive Director Donna Morris, jabbed a shovel into the earth and broke ground for a new \$12 million, 35,000-square-foot library at 5600 NW 122nd Street.

The Northwest Library will provide full library service for the 47,000 people who currently live within a three-mile radius of the site. It will be the only library in Ward 8.

"Being able at last to meet the needs locally of so many people is exciting enough," said MLS Director of Marketing and Communications Kim Terry, "but all of us are thrilled to be able to do it with a building that will be energy efficient and environmentally friendly.

"The builders will be using such sustainable elements as recycled building materials and natural light. MLS is very proud to create Oklahoma's first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design public library," Terry said.

LEED is a building certification system that makes sure that maximum water and energy efficiency is part of the design.

LWPB Architecture designed the building with "a touch of Oklahoma" as part of the concept. "Landscaping will require low water usage and include native plants, like prairie grasses," said project manager Jason Hukill. Skylight monitors have been designed to look like oil derricks, what Hukill called "iconic of Oklahoma's landscape."

The Northwest Library will be full service, containing more than 50 public free access computers, and near 160,000 books, magazines, DVDs, CDs, and assorted reference material.

Construction is due for completion by July, 2011, with an opening that fall.

"We just wanted to make less of a carbon footprint in Oklahoma City," Kim Terry said. "Everything's becoming more environmentally friendly and eco-friendly. We wanted our building to be, too."



## **The Nicoma Park Library**

Nicoma Park Library, 2240 Overholser, is one of the Extension Libraries located in the eastern part of Oklahoma County. It's housed in a building you could be forgiven for thinking looks something like a rural railroad station, but it wasn't always like that.

The Library began life as a single room in the City of Nicoma Park municipal building, right next to the police station. You could step out of the library and around a corner and come face to face with a display of homemade weapons confiscated by the police from local malefactors. Library programs for children, like the Summer Reading Lucky Penny performances, had to go on in the courtroom across the hall. Ask if that was intimidating!

The contemporary library shares a building with the Nicoma Park Senior Citizens Center, and that makes scheduling library events so much easier. Nicoma Park sponsors Children Reading to Dogs on the second and third Thursday of each month, and ladies come in to craft season-appropriate items on the first Friday of every month.

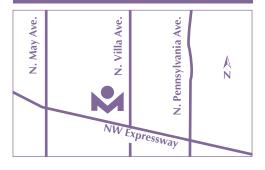
Now when you step around the corner, the most intimidating thing you'll discover is a domino game. And we like it like that.





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

# **Belle Isle Library**5501 N. Villa Ave., OKC (405) 843-9601 **HOURS**Mon-Thur: 9-9 Fri: 9-6 Sun: 1-6



#### Service Corps of Retired Executives May 1,15 | Sat | 9a-Noon Adults

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

#### Children Reading to Dogs May 3,10,17,24 | Mon 6-7:30p Children who can read



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

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MLS Libraries will be closed May 30 and 31 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

#### ESL: Learn English as a Second Language May 4.6.11.13 | Tue & Thur

May 4,6,11,13 | Tue & Thur 9:30a-12:30p Adults



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

#### Parent Talk May 6 | Thur | 1-4p Adults



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

#### Spiritful Voices Choir Concert May 9 | Sun | 3-4p All ages



A free, fun concert for Mother's Day! Spiritful Voices Community Choir, Inc., is an independent, 50-member all-volunteer adult mixed choir. They perform each Spring and Fall - and each season the 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.

#### Explore the Power of Reasoning with the School of Metaphysics May 12 | Wed | 7-8:30p Ages 10 and older

Learn how to develop and synthesize the mind skills of memory, concentration, and imagination into the ultimate power of the conscious mind: reasoning. Discover how to use reasoning to forgive the past, embrace the present, and create the life you were born to live. This is a free workshop presented by the Oklahoma School of Metaphysics. Sign up at the reference desk.

#### Metro OKC Knit Guild Group Meeting May 16 | Sun | 3-5p Teens and Adults

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. Questions? Emailmetrookcknitguild@gmail.com
Co-sponsor: Metro OKC Knit Guild.

#### My Granny's Purse May 18 | Tue | 10-11a Pre-kindergarten



Stories about purses that granny's, mothers, and daughters carry will be shared by Miss B. Playtime and an activity will follow. Pre-registration begins on May 1st. Call 843-9601.

#### Author Event: Getting Started on Your Mystery Novel with Susan Froetsche May 25 | Tue | 6:30-8p Teens and Adults

Join author Susan Froetsche, author of *Royal Escape*, a mystery about a princess who wants to remove her children from excessive staff control. *Publisher's Weekly* called the mystery a "beguiling what-if." Froetsche will discuss how to develop characters and themes, make choices on setting, and create suspense. Worksheets will be included. The workshop is suitable for beginners and experienced writers. Ms. Froetschel's book will be available for purchase and signing. Sign up at the reference desk.

# FREE COMIC BOOK DAY 1st Saturday In May - May 1, 2010

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!

#### **SPONSORS**

All Star Comics 842-7800 New World Comics 721-7634

Questions? Call 606-3834



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



#### The Children's Hour: **Evening Story Time** May 4 | Tue | 6:30-7p **Ages 3-8**



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

#### **Story and Craft Time** May 6 | Thur | 9:30-10:15a and 10:30-11:15a **Ages 2-3**



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

#### **Needle Craft** May 11 | Tue | 7-8p Adults

Learn the time honored art of needle craft. Canvas, yarn, and needles are free and furnished for this program. Light refreshments will be served after the class.

#### **Story and Craft Time** May 13 | Thur | 10-10:45a Ages 3-6



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

#### Are You Prepared? For the Next Ice Storm, Fire, Tornado? May 13 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p All ages

When disaster happens, it's too late to make a list of what you need to have or to do. Be prepared! Join us as a representative from the American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma discusses what you need to do to be ready for a disaster. Co-sponsor: American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma.

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

**HOURS** 



#### **Children Reading to Dogs** May 1,15,29 | Sat 11a-Noon Children who can read



Read to a specially trained dog who loves to hear a good book! The dogs particularly enjoy hearing one of the dog stories we will have, but you can bring your own book too. It is especially valuable in building self confidence and self-esteem for those needing an uncritical, appreciative, listening audience to improve reading skills. All dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams. Registration is required. Please call 634-6308 and leave a message to register.

**Move and Groove Story Time** May 3,17 | Mon 10:30-11a Ages 1-5

Add some spring to your step with a peppy workout routine, then hear an exciting story. Every first and third Monday.

#### **After School Club** May 5,12 | Wed | 4-5p Elementary age children

Come play a board game, make a craft, have a snack, and talk about books. Every Wednesday.

#### **Conversational Spanish Class** May 5 | Wed | 5:30-7p **Adults**



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

#### **Basic Photography** May 8 | Sat | 2-3p **Adults**

This program is designed for learning the basics about photography. The class is structured to give you the necessary information, and guidance needed to become confident with a camera. Portrait and landscape techniques will be demonstrated. If you have a camera, please bring it with you to the program. Please sign up at the reference desk, or by calling 634-6308.

#### Jack and the Beanstalk May 13 | Thur | 4-5p Elementary school age

Hear the classic story of Jack and the Beanstalk and make a creative craft.

#### Main Street's Rockin' Reunion May 15 | Sat | 9a-5p May 16 | Sun | 9a-5p

Capitol Hill Main Street in association with Cornerbooth Productions, will present a two day Reunion Festival merging the fun of high school memories & nostalgia, with the excitement of Rock & Roll music. Cosponsor: Cornerbooth Productions.

#### After School Club's School's Out! Bash May 19 | Wed | 4-6p Elementary age - teens

Join us for a wicked cool party to end the school year, and adjourn After School Club for the summer. Live DJ, dancing, fun! Twister,

Hula Hoops, games and more! Pizza and ice cream!

#### **Alebrijes** May 22 | Sat | 1-2p Ages 3-12



Join artist Savannah Mitchell and learn about the intricate design of Alebrijes, a form of Mexican folk art. Carved animals are painted in colorful designs. Anyone can do it!

#### GameFest May 25 | Tue | 5-7p Ages 12-17

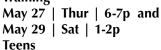


Kick off the Summer with an open-play session of video games like Guitar Hero, Smash Brothers, Mario Kart, and more. Games are rated E, E10+, and T. Pre-register.

#### **Mad Science** May 26 | Wed | 2-3p All ages

The Capitol Hill Library welcomes Chris Wilkerson from the Oklahoma Science Museum. In this fun-filled hour, we'll mix, mash and create with chemistry to discover just what it takes to be a mad scientist

#### **Summer at the Library Volunteer Training**





Training session for Summer Reading Volunteers. By invitation only. Get ready to spend your summer at the library! All teen volunteers must attend one of the training sessions. Questions? Call 634-6308.

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

#### **HOURS**

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

Sat: 9-5 Sun: Closed

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#### **Guam: Culture Celebration** May 1 | Sat | 2-4p All ages

Melody Neary, native Guamanian will host a cultural celebration event sharing the history, customs, food and cultural aspects of Guam. Guam, an unincorporated U. S. Territory, is part of the Mariana Islands in the South Pacific.

#### **GED** May 3,5,10,12 Mon & Wed | 9-11:15a Age 16 & older



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

#### **Lapsit Story Time** May 4,11,18,25 | Tue 9:30-10a Ages 6 months-3 years



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

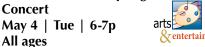
#### **Preschool Story Time** May 4,11,18,25 | Tue 10:30-11a Ages 3-5 years



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

#### **Heartland Voices: Spring** Concert

All ages



Heartland Voices, under the direction of Steve Moore, will present a Spring concert. This talented group of singers will present a medley of inspiring songs for the community. Light refreshments will be served following the concert.

#### T'ai Chi with Eric-Intermediate/Advanced May 5,12,19,26 | Wed | 6:15-7p Teens and adults

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. New meeting time. Co-sponsor: Choctaw Library Guild and Eastern Oklahoma Tech Center.



# Everything You Need to Know to Learn Computer Basics!

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

**May 4:** Computer Basics

May 11: Computer Basics 2

May 18: eBay—How to Buy & Sell Safely

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

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

#### T'ai Chi with Eric-New Beginners Group May 5,12,19,26 | Wed | 7-7:45p Teens and adults

See advanced T'ai Chi description. Please pre-register by calling 390-8418. New meeting time. Co-sponsor: Choctaw Library and Eastern Oklahoma Tech Center

# Baby Signs May 7 | Fri | 10-11a Parents/caregivers of children 9-22 months



Baby Signs teaches communication before babies are able to use words. This fun and interactive signing class teaches how to include signs naturally while interacting with your child through daily routines and play. Learn and practice approximately 50 signs. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Dept. Child Guidance.

#### Family Place: Open Play May 8 | Sat | 10-11a Ages 6 months - 5 years



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.

# Reflections of WWII with Mickey Sherman

May 11 | Tue | 6-7:30p Adults and teens

Leading into Armed Forces Day, (May 15), the Choctaw Library welcomes an encore presentation by Mickey Sherman, World War II turret gunner, for an informative program on World War II. Sherman has a wealth of knowledge and experience on this topic and has prepared a thought provoking PowerPoint presentation. The community is invited to this worthwhile program. Refreshments will be served.

#### Teen Guam Adventure! May 13 | Thur | 6-7p Teens



Discover the sights, sounds, and culture of Guam, our friendly island neighbor! Join us for authentic Chamoru cuisine and a cool culture-inspired art project—and get to know Guam!

#### Art Class May 14,21,28 | Fri | 9:30-10:30a Ages 6 and older

Free Art Class! Artist/Teacher Elizabeth Woodruff will lead these class sessions. Children will learn pencil and charcoal drawing techniques. Students are asked to bring a pencil with eraser and drawing paper. Please bring one picture that you have drawn to the first session. Call 390-8418 for information.

## Summer At the Library Teen Volunteer Training

May 18 | Tue | 6-7p

May 22 | Sat | 10:30-11:30a

May 27 | Thur | 4-5p

Teens

Teens

This training is for volunteers who have completed the interview process. Call 390-8418 for more details or to schedule an interview.

#### Parachute Play May 21 | Fri | 10:30-11a Ages 3-6 w/parent



While playing games with a parachute, children will have the opportunity to practice skills such as following directions, socializing with others, using language, using small and large muscles, and remaining in control during very active play. Facilitated by Child Guidance Speech-Language Pathologists. Class size limited to 10. Please call 425-4412 to pre-register. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

#### Hill Irish Dance School Dancers in Concert May 22 | Sat | 1-2p All ages



Jean Hill and her Irish dancers will entertain and educate on Irish dances while performing many of the traditional dances. Refreshments will be served after the performance. Audience will have an opportunity to participate in several of the dances.

#### Ookami Anime Club May 29 | Sat | 2:30-4p Teens

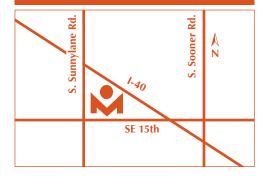


Share and discuss your favorite Anime and Manga (Japanese drawings and cartoons). Screen new Anime episodes each month! Snacks will be provided so come join the fun! \*Anime may contain material that is considered unsuitable for ages 13 and younger.

Sun: Closed

#### **Del City Library** 4509 S.E. 15th, Del City (405) 672-1377 **HOURS** Mon-Thur: 9-9

Fri: 9-6



#### **Interpreting Dreams for Self Discovery** May 4 | Tue | 6-7:30p Adults

The Oklahoma City School of Metaphysics presents a workshop on the language of dreams. Get ready to learn simple methods for improving dream recall, understanding the messages of dreams, and applying that understanding to produce rapid and permanent growth. Please call 672-1377 for more information.

#### **ADHD Perspectives** May 4 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p Parents and kids



Get informed about ADHD and how to manage the challenges presented with the diagnosis. This is a monthly meeting for parents and children with ADHD in a support group setting. Children will have the chance to participate in a peer group setting. Please call 672-1377 to pre-register or for more information.

#### **Cinco De Mayo Craft Time** May 5 | Wed | 4:30-5:30p **Ages 4-8**

Come celebrate Cinco De Mayo! Join the fun making a craft for the celebration!

#### **English and Spanish** Intercambio

May 5,12,19,26 | Wed | 7-8p May 6,13,20,27 | Thur | 7-8p All ages



¿Habla Ingés? ¿Te gustaría? Or perhaps you would like to speak Spanish? An "intercambio" is a language exchange between people who speak different languages and want to practice speaking each other's language. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, a qualified ESL tutor will be on hand to help you learn and practice the Spanish or English language. To sign up, call 672-1377.

#### Make a Splash Storytime May 7 | Fri | 10-10:20a Ages 1-5



Del City Library's morning Storytime Makes a Splash. Come for stories and fun!

#### Make and Take Mother's Day Cards May 8 | Sat | 2-4p Ages 4-12

Children may come anytime between 2-4pm to make a card for their mothers. Be creative!

#### **Parent Talk** May 10 | Mon | 1-4p Parent/caregivers of babies and preschoolers



Oklahoma City/County Health Department offers individual, private sessions for parents or caregivers of young children. This includes discussion about the normal range of early development as well as any parenting questions you may have in areas of speech, language, development, and behavior. Children do not have to be present at the session. Call 425-4412 to schedule your FREE appointment. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

#### **Del City Book Club** May 10 | Mon | 7-8p **Adults**

The Del City Book Club meets monthly to discuss a book chosen by its members. Join anytime and suggest a title for upcoming meetings! This month we are reading A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving. Come by and pick up your copy!

#### Stilling the Mind for Peace, Fulfillment, and Success

May 13 | Thur | 6-7:30p

It's time to stop and smell the roses and fully experience the present moment. The Oklahoma City School of Metaphysics presents a workshop to teach methods for cutting through the busy brain chatter to facilitate real creativity, peace, interpersonal connection, and the experience of the here and now. For more information please call 672-1377.

#### TAB Meet-Up May 18 | Tue | 3:30-4:30p **Teens**



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

#### **PlayTime**

#### May 20 | Thur | 10-11a Ages 6 months-3 years



Children are invited to play at the library! Stacey Poole from Sooner Start will visit with parenting information about that state program. Toys are provided by the library.

#### **Digital Bookmobile** May 25 | Tue | Noon-6p All ages

Now on national tour, the Digital Bookmobile is making a stop at the Del City Library! It's a high-tech, 18-wheel download experience with instructional videos and interactive computer stations. Look inside and learn how to download eBooks and audio books from the library!

## **Beach Party Storytime** May 25 | Tue | 6:30-7:15p

The May Evening Storytime is a beach party of stories and activities. Come to celebrate summer! And, come for fun!

#### **Genealogy 101** May 27 | Thur | 6-7:30p **Adults**



Where did you come from? Dr. Debra Osborne Spindle, research coordinator and librarian at the Oklahoma Historical Society, will present a beginner's guide to researching your family's roots. All levels of experience are welcome to attend and are sure to learn something new! Please call 672-1377 for more information.

## Downtown Library 300 Park Ave., OKC (405) 231-8650 **HOURS** Mon-Thur: 9-9 Sat: 9-5 Fri: 9-6 Sun: 1-6 Hudson St. Reno

#### **Exhibit: Music in the Holocaust—The Notes Rose Up in Flames** April 26-May 26 | During Library Hours All ages

This exhibit of actual documents, concert programs, photos, and stories shows the loss of rich musical talent during the Holocaust.



The exhibit located in the Atrium from April 26 through May 26, is free and open to the public. Co-sponsor: Temple B'nai Brith, Oklahoma City Community Foundation, Center for Holocaust Humanity Education, Cincinnati, OH.

#### **Mock Trial: Celebrates** Law Day May 1 | Sat | 9:30-12:30p **Ages 10-16**



A mock trial experience for young people will help celebrate the 53rd annual Law Day in the 46th Star Auditorium at the Downtown Library. Participants will serve as jurors and parents are encouraged to attend. The program will also include speaker Randy Grau, attorney, and representatives from the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office and Drug/ DUI Court to answer questions. Registration and doughnuts will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the program will conclude with a pizza lunch for attendees. Call 713-1355 for more information. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma County Bar Association, Oklahoma County Law Library.

#### **Celebrate National Law Day With** Lawyers in the Library May 1 | Sat | 2-4:30p **Adults**

Schedule free 15-minute consultations with an attorney at the Downtown Library. Appointments may be made by calling 713-1353. Give the type of question you need answered so that experts in that field may then be scheduled. Example: civil, divorce, criminal, probate type questions. Those not prescheduled may come and wait for a first available appointment. Appointments will be on the 4th Floor, Friends Room. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma County Law Library and OK Cty Bar Assoc.

#### **Project 180** May 3 | Mon | 6:30-7:30p

Keep up with the redesign plans included in downtown Oklahoma City's Project 180. Plans for the three phase project include landscaping, public art, marked bike lanes, decorative street lighting, on street parking spaces, and even electric car recharging stations. Have your questions answered about this 180-acre project in the 46th Star Auditorium on the fourth floor of the Downtown Library. Open to the public. Co-sponsor: Project 180.

#### **Computer Basics** May 4 | Tue | 6-7:30 **Adults**



Come to the Route 66 Computer Lab for basic computer instruction. The class will include an introduction to Microsoft Word and many of

its most used functions, Internet searching and time for questions and answers. Please register at 606-3879 or ask for Wendy if you have question.

#### Wednesday Night at the Movies May 5,12,19,26 | 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 5: Superman 2 May 12: Spider-Man May 19: Men in Black May 26: Batman

#### **Noon Tunes** May 6,13,20,27 | Thur 11:30a-12:30p All ages



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

May 6: Robin and Jerry

May 13: Lou Anne Rice & June Carter

May 20: Wayne Cantwello

May 27: Callen Clark

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



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

#### ZuZu's Petals May 7 | Fri | 10-10:50a Infants to age 5 with adult



Enjoy music play with ZuZu's Petals. We sing silly songs, explore musical instruments, and have a fun time together. Call to register at 231-8650, ext 4

#### **Teen Volunteer Training** May 8 | Sat | Noon-1:30p May 20 | Thur | 6:30-8p Teens who have completed 6th grade - 12th grade



Volunteer for the Summer at your Downtown Library. Learn how to sign children and teens up for the summer reading program, help with special programs, read stories to children, and create craft projects. Application and interview required before training. Call 231-8650, ext. 4 for more details.

#### **Gallery Story Times** May 8 | Sat | 2-3p All ages



Held at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art. (Storytime is free with paid admission to the museum.) Discover stories about artists,

artworks, and their inspiration! Join us in the Oklahoma City Museum of Art galleries the second Saturday of each month at 2 pm, as we explore unique themes connecting art and literature. No advance registration is required. A parent or caregiver must remain with the child. This month's theme is lines and shapes. Co-sponsored by the Metropolitan Library System.

#### **Ernestine Hill Clark Concert Series:** Mozart for Mother's Day & Pianist Wayne McEvilly arts May 9 | Sun | 2-3p All ages

This series of concerts, in honor of Ernestine Clark, are performed by Wayne McEvilly. Everyone is invited to enjoy the free concerts. Co-sponsor: MLS Endowment Trust.

#### **Computer Basics 2** May 11 | Tue | 6-7:30 Adults



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

#### Are You Prepared? For the Next Ice Storm, Fire, Tornado? May 11 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p All ages

When disaster happens, it's too late to make a list of what you need to have or to do. Be prepared! Join us as a representative from the American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma discusses what you need to do to be ready for a disaster. Co-sponsor: American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma.

#### **Music Play with Miss Ginger** May 14 | Fri | 10-10:50a Ages 2-5 w/adult



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

#### **Children Reading to Dogs** May 15 | Sat | 3-4p Children who can read



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

#### I Can't Believe I Shot That! Teen Film May 16 | Sun | 2-4p All ages

It's the 3rd Annual "I Can't Believe I Shot That!" Teen Film Contest! All film entries have been created, edited and judged and today is the day that the winners will be announced. Please register at the 1st floor information desk or call 405-606-3876. Tickets are required for entry into the theater and refreshments.

#### Senior Day at the Library May 20 | Thur | 11:30a-2p **Adults**

Senior citizens are invited to come to the Downtown Library for some Ole' Time Fiddlin' during Noon Tunes. Bring your brown bag lunch and listen to fiddler Wayne Cantwell. At 1:00 o'clock the fun moves to the 46th Star Auditorium on 4th floor where guests will enjoy laughing with Laurel and Hardy in *That's My Wife*, a film from the silent era, will be shown. To add to the fun, the short animation Cramps with Mutt and Jeff will also be shown. Everybody is welcome. Call 606-3879 to pre-register by May 18 to insure a lunch table at Noon Tunes. Those who can't make it for lunch are welcome to join the 1:00 o'clock program.

#### **Preschool Storytime** May 21 | Fri | 10-10:50a Ages 1-5



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

#### **Bilingual Family Storytime** May 27 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p **Preschool & Elementary** Children & Their Family

Tiempo de cuentos para la familia



Join us the 4th Thursday of every month for a Bilingual Family Story Time. Children and their families will enjoy stories, fingerplays, a craft and more. Call 231-8650, ext. 4 to register.

La Hora: 6:30pm-7:15 pm Localización: Downtown Edades: Familias con Niños 1-12 Venga, cuentos serán leidos en español y ingles. Los padres y sus ninos gazarán de interesantes cuentos, algunos serán leidos por "Wally," un titere. Llamar al 231-8650, extensión 4 para registarse.

#### **Preschool Aerobics** May 28 | Fri | 10-10:45a Ages 5 and younger w/adult



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

# Edmond Library **HOURS**

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#### **Folk Tales & Puppets** May 1 | Sat | 10-11a and 2-3p Ages 4-10

Fire breathing dragons? Perhaps! Damsels in distress? Maybe. Aspiring puppeteers from UCO will showcase the skills they have learned under the direction of puppeteer master, John Hinkle.

#### **Stamp Club** May 1,15 | Sat | 10a-Noon **Grades 4 and higher**

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

#### **Advanced Farsi** May 2,9,16,23 | Sun 1:30-2:30p **Adults and Teens**



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

#### **Beginning Farsi** May 2,9,16,23 | Sun 2:30-3:30p **Adults and Teens**



For students who are beginning their study of Farsi. Supply charge for the class that you select is \$20.

#### **Preschool Story Time** May 3,10,17,24 | Mon 10-10:30a



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

#### Intermediate ESL May 3,5,10,12,17,19,24,26 Mon & Wed | 1-4p Adults



Sign up with instructor on the first day of class. Includes grammar, conversation, vocabulary, reading, writing, listening, and pronunciation. Co-sponsor: OCCC.

#### **Chess Club for Kids** May 3,17 | Mon | 3:30-5p Ages 8-13

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

#### **Beginning ESL** May 3,5,10,12,17,19,24,26 Mon & Wed | 5-8:30p Adults



FAMILIES

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

#### **Children Reading to Dogs** May 3,17 | Mon | 6:30-7:30p May 4,18 | Tue 6:30-7:30p Children who can read

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

#### **Lapsit: Playtime and Storytime** May 4,11,18 | Tue | 9:30-10a and 10:15-10:45a and 11-11:30a Birth to 2 years

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

#### **GED** May 4,6,11,13 Tue & Thur | 5:30-8:30p Age 16 and older



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

#### **Chess Club for Teens** May 4,11,18,25 | Tue 4-5:30p Teens 12-17



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

#### 55+ Coffee Break May 5,12,19,26 | Wed | 9-11a Seniors

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

#### **Parachute Play** May 5 | Wed | 10:30-11a **Ages 3-6**



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 Pam Collins and Dan Hester. Class size is limited to 20. Call 425-4412 to register. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

#### **Computer Instruction** with Eddie May 5,12,19,26 | 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

#### **Computer Instruction** with Dave May 5,12,19,26 | Wed 7-8p Ages 18 & older



Free! Join Dave for individual computer instruction. Every Wednesday, assistance is offered in increments of 30 minutes to an hour. Call (405) 341-9282 ext. 3 to register.

#### **Reader's Choice Book Discussion** May 8 | Sat | 10a-12:30p **Adults**

The Reader's Choice book club is a group of people who enjoy reading and discussing outstanding contemporary literature. May's selection is The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society by Mary Ann Shaffer. Please contact the Edmond Library at least two weeks ahead of time to reserve your copy at 341-9282.

## **Edmond Library Book Bunch** May 8 | Sat | 2-3:30p

The book that the Book Bunch will discuss today is Remains of the Day. It is about the life of a butler on a large estate who does not allow himself to become emotionally involved with anyone in his life, but who has rich memories of the life of the manor in the past. \*\*Please note: the Book Bunch has now reached maximum enrollment. In order to encourage members to actively participate, we are not exceeding 15 for this group.

#### **Parent Talk** May 12 | Wed | 1-5p **Parents or guardians**



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

#### **Teen Volunteer Orientation** May 13,20 | Thur | 3:30-5p Ages 13-17



Make a Splash as a summer teen volunteer! Training begins early this year. If you have completed an application, call 341-9282, ext. 4 and reserve a spot in a training session.

#### **Edmond Manga and Anime** Club



May 13 | Thur | 4-5:30p Ages 12-17

Edmond teens meet to chat, discuss anime and manga trends, draw, view screening episodes and hang out. Free club meets second Thursday of the month at 4pm.

#### **Music With Susan** May 14,28 | Fri | 10-10:30a and 10:40-11:10a Ages 2-3



Join with Susan in musical activities designed especially for this age group. Classes are held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Registration for the 2nd Friday begins on the 1st day of the month. Registration for the 4th

Friday always begins on the 15th day of the month. Pre-register by calling 341-9282, ext. 4.

#### **Music With Susan** May 14.28 | Fri 11:15-11:45a **Ages 4-5**



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

#### **Basic Computers for Seniors** May 15 | Sat | 2-3p **Seniors**



This is a free basic computer class geared toward Seniors who know little about the world of computing. Topics covered will be: Email, the Windows clipboard, quick keys: copy, move & paste, and computer icons. FAQ's will be discussed and participants' questions will be addressed. Call 341-9282, ext 4.

#### Sustainable Edmond May 18 | Tue | 6:30-8p Adults

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

#### **Dreaming and The Art of Inspiration** May 22 | Sat | 2-3p Adults

Learn how people have used dreams to produce creations, where dreams come from, and how to tap into that part of you that is connected to all others to produce something that is universally admired and appreciated. Co-sponsor: OKC School of Metaphysics.

#### Manga Collage May 24 | Mon | 4:30-5:30p Ages 12-17



Local Artist Alex Brodt shows teens how to reuse magazine and personal art into a clever manga collage. Materials will be provided. Participants can bring in old manga pictures or artwork as well. Class is free. Participants can sign up at the Edmond Library or call 348-9282 to pre register.

#### Mystery Writing Workshop w/Susan **Froetschel** May 24 | Mon | 7-8p **Adults**

Are you working on writing a mystery novel?

Would you like to know about narrative techniques that will help you achieve your goal of becoming a published mystery author? If so, plan on attending this valuable workshop with novelist Susan Froetschel. She was a lecturer with the journalism program of Southern Connecticut State College of Journalism, a lecturer/editor with the graphic design program at the Yale School of art, and also a copy-editor for Esquire and Self magazines. She is now based in Washington D.C. Please register two weeks before the program at the library, 341-9282, extension 3.

Lapsit: Playtime and Toddlerobics May 25 | Tue | 9:30-10a and 10:15-10:45a and 11-11:30a Birth to 2 years



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

#### Learning Through Play May 26 | Wed | 3:30-5p Parents or guardians



Play is a child's work. We will develop each area of a child's play to discover what they are learning while engaged in play. We will also explore ideas for activities to encourage each area of development including gross motor, fine motor, social/emotional, and language development. Call 425-4412 to Register. Facilitated by Robyn Sears. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.





#### Children Reading to Dogs May 8 | Sat | 9a-Noon Grades K-6th

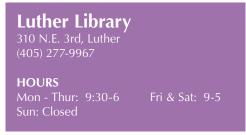


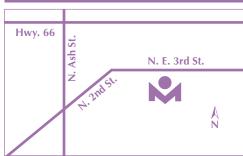
Brush up on your reading skills by reading

to Duke the therapy dog. Call the library at 454-2001 for information.

#### Are You Prepared? For the Next Ice Storm, Fire, Tornado? May 10 | Mon | 10:30-11:30a All ages

When disaster happens, it's too late to make a list of what you need to have or to do. Be prepared! Join us as a representative from the American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma discusses what you need to do to be ready for a disaster. Co-sponsor: American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma.





#### Coffee Break May 3 | Mon | 9:30a-10:30a Adults

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

#### Are You Prepared? For the Next Ice Storm, Fire, Tornado? May 5 | Wed | 3:30-4:30p All ages

When disaster happens, it's too late to make a list of what you need to have or to do. Be prepared! Join us as a representative from the American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma discusses what you need to do to be ready for a disaster. Co-sponsor: American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma.

#### Farmers Tea May 6 | Thur | 2-3p Adults

Come by relax with a glass of tea and snack. Then browse the shelves to see what new books we have.

#### Quilting and Sewing May 17 | Mon | 10a-4:30p Adults

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

#### Little River Zoo May 26 | Wed | 2-3p All ages

Come and see the animals and learn about their habitat. Bring an item for the animals or zoo and receive a ticket for the ice cream social following the program. Let's help the zoo.



#### Exhibit: "Is the Whole World on Fire?" The 1921 Tulsa Race Riot" May 1-31 | During Library Hours All ages

This provocative exhibit explores the true life events surrounding the Tulsa Race Riot of 1921. Area artist Eric Humphries has combined eight bright, stylized canvases with actual photos and quotes from the event to lead audiences, step-by-step, through the roughly sixteen hours of rioting. Humphries, who describes himself as an artistic historian, says "All of my artwork is based in true events. They are atrocities that should have never happened and should never be allowed to happen again. I hope that when you view my art, you are sobered by the realization that people really were harmed in the making of these paintings, even killed in many instances, and perhaps then we can all understand that if we remember, we are not condemned to repeat." The exhibit is free and open to the public.

#### Free Tutoring May 1-21, Library Hours Students (Teens and Kids)

Ongoing During School Year: During Library Hours. If you are a school-aged student and

need tutoring (tutee) or, are a teen and can provide tutoring (tutor), please contact the Information Desk at 405-732-4828. This program is on-going during the school year.

#### Alive @ 25 May 1 | Sat | 1-5p Teens



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

#### **Community Quilting with Soldier Creek Quilting Group**

May 3 | Mon | 9a-2p All ages

Perpetuate art forms and inspire others in quilting. Members of Soldier Creek Quilting Group invite you to attend every Monday at the Midwest City Library from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. No experience necessary, just a willingness to create art. Registration is not required. Co-sponsor: Soldier Creek Quilting Group.

#### **Job Readiness Class** May 3 | Mon | 4-5p Adults

Looking for employment and need to update your resume? If so, please attend the Midwest City Library's Job Readiness Class. In addition to resume writing, participants learn interviewing skills and other techniques necessary for today's competitive job market. To attend, please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Co-sponsor: Rose College Job Placement.

#### Who's Line Is It Anyway? May 3 | Mon | 5:30-7p Teen S Teens



Get your IMPROV ON every Monday at the Midwest City Library! No registration required.

#### Wii While You Wait May 4,11,18,25 | Tue | 9a-Noon Adults

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

#### **Knit Wit Program** May 4,11,18,25 | Tue | 10a-Noon All ages

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

#### **ESL** May 4,6,11,13 Tue & Thur | 5:30-8:30p Adults



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

#### **Parachute Play** May 5 | Wed | 10:30-11a Ages 3-6 with parents



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

#### **Lunch and Learn at the Library** May 6 | Thur | 12:30-1:30p **Adults**

Having problems maintaining a monthly budget in today's economy? The Midwest City Library, in partnership with Allegiance Credit Union, will offer a Lunch and Learn Seminar, "Building a Basic Budget." Participants learn basic principles in money management that are recession proof and last a lifetime. This seminar (which includes lunch) is free and open to the public. To attend please contact the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Co-sponsor: Allegiance Credit Union.

#### Oklahoma Herpetological Society May 6, 20 | Thur | 7-9p May 15 | Sat | 2-3:30p All ages

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

#### **Hunters' Education Safety Course** May 8 | Sat | 9a-2p Ages 10 and 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 the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation or pick up a workbook up at the Midwest City Library. You must 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. Participants ages 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required. To register, please call 732-4828. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma Wildlife Dept.

#### Are You Prepared? For the Next Ice Storm, Fire, Tornado? May 8 | Sat | 1-2p All ages

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#### **Children Reading to Dogs** May 11,25 | Tue 7-7:30p Children who can read



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

#### "Is the Whole World on Fire?" Artist **Reception: Eric Humphries** May 13 | Thur | 7-8p All ages

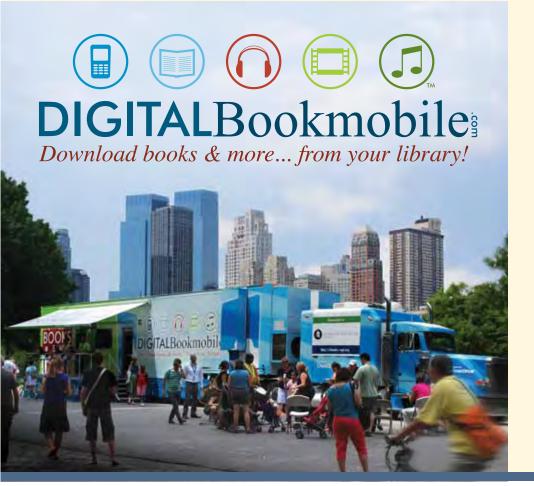
Join us to hear how artistic historian Eric Humphries became interested in the Tulsa Race Riots of 1921 and conducted research prior to creating his provocative, stylized interpretations of the riots. The event is free and open to the public.

#### The Weavers Guild of Oklahoma City May 15 | Sat | 10a-Noon **Adults**

The Weavers Guild of Oklahoma City would like to invite you to participate in our May 2010 program. For more information, please call 405-260-2095.

#### **Dreaming and the Art of Inspiration** May 15 | Sat | 2-3p All ages

Learn how people have used dreams to produce extraordinary creations, where dreams come from, and how to tap into that part of you that is connected to all others to produce something that is universally admired and appreciated. To attend this program, please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Co-sponsor: OKC School of Metaphysics.



This High-Tech update of the traditional book mobile shows you how to download eBooks, and audiobooks! The Digital Bookmobile is now on a national tour.

Tuesday, May 25, 12-6pm Del City Library, 4509 SE 15 ~ 672-1377

Wednesday, May 26, 12-6pm Midwest City Library, 8143 E. Reno ~ 732-4828



Check out our webpage at www.metrolibrary.org

#### Adult Movie Night May 17 | Mon | 6-8:30p Adults

When a powerful publishing tycoon commits an act of murder at the height of passion, he cleverly begins to cover his tracks and frames an innocent man. To learn more about this 1948 block buster movie, at the Midwest City Library. Free popcorn.

#### Midwest City Readers' Society May 18 | 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. Pick up your copy of our current book at the Information Desk, or call 732-4828.

#### Things That Slither & Don't May 20 | Thur | 11a-NoonTeenS **Teens**

Ever want to see "those kinds of creatures" up close? Join us to see some of nature's most fascinating and feared animals. Spiders, snakes, scorpions, and what? Oh my!! Please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

#### Bats, Bats, Bats May 20 | Thur | 1-2p **Teens**



Did you know that Oklahoma is home to 21/22 bat species? The world's only flying mammal plays a vital role in our environment. Join us to learn how these misunderstood mammals impact our everyday lives and about their own amazing lives. It will be Bat-tastic! Please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

#### AAA Motor Vehicle Crash Prevention Course May 22 | Sat | 9a-4p Adults

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

#### **Chess Club** May 22 | Sat | 11:30a-1p All ages

Let's play chess!

#### **Midwest City Library Teen** Council May 22 | Sat | 2-4p Teens



Calling all teens! If you would like to make a difference in the Midwest City community through programs, activities, art and so much more.....we need to your voice. We will meet in the Teen Area. Teens ages 13-19 years of age are encouraged to attend. For more information please contact Ms. Suzette at 405-732-4828.

Say Yea!—Teen Writing Workshop May 23 | Sun | 3-5p Teens ages10-16



Teens, have you ever wanted to have your

creative writings published? If so, come join us at our writing workshop. You will meet and work with teen authors, Natasha Bradley and Jasmine Bradley as they share their secrets with you as to how they wrote their book debut: Jessika's Diaries: Life's Not Fair. For more information and registration, please visit the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Co-sponsor: On the Ball Publishing.

#### **Summer at the Library Training for Teen Volunteers**

May 24 | Mon | 6-8p May 26 | Wed | 6-8p May 27 | Thur | 2-4p



Mandatory training for Summer Reading Teen Volunteers. Please choose one of the training dates. Please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

**YA GameFest** May 25 | Tue | 3-5p **Teens** 



Get your game face on! DDR, Game Cube, PS2, Wii. No registration required.

#### **Digital Bookmobile** May 26 | Wed | Noon-6p All ages

Now on national tour, the Digital Bookmobile is making a stop at the Midwest City Library! It's a high-tech, 18-wheel download experience with instructional videos and interactive computer stations. Look inside and learn how to download eBooks and audio books from the

#### Yugioh May 29 | Sat | 2-5p **Teens**



It's YUGIOH TIME at the Midwest City Library. Come with cards and your game face! No registration required.



**HOURS** 



#### International Women's Aglow of Choctaw May 8 | Sat | 9:40a-Noon **Adults**

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

#### **Children Reading to Dogs** May 13,20 | Thur 3:30-4:30p Ages 4 and older



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

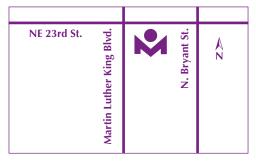


## Ralph Ellison Library

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

#### **HOURS**

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



## **Gaming Dayz** May 3,17 | Mon | 3-4:30pTeenS

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

#### Teen Advisory Board May 5 | Wed | 4-5p **Teens**



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

#### **Toastmasters** May 5,12,19,26 | Wed | 6-7p

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

#### Anime/Manga/Gaming Club May 6,20 | Thur 3-4:30p TeenS **Teens**

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

#### **Preschool Story Time** May 11,25 | Tue | 10-10:30a children & FAMILIES Ages 3-5



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

#### **Teen Crafts** May 11 | Tue | 5-7p **Teens**



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

#### The Conversation: The American Black Experience

#### May 11,25 | Tue | 6-7:30p **Adults**

Leading, local historians share experiences and focus conversations for the audience on the American Black Experience.

#### Southern Oaks Library

(405) 631-4468

#### **HOURS**

Mon-Thur: 9-9



#### **Toddler Aerobics and Parachute Fun**

May 3,10,17 | Mon 10:30-11:10a

Children ages 2-6 with parent/caregiver

Join us for some preschool aerobic fun! Song and movement, parachute fun and more! Parents and caregivers will participate with their child. Pre-registration is required. Please sign up by calling 631-4468 or by visiting the Information Desk.

#### **GED** May 3,5,10,12,17,19 Mon & Wed | 3-6p Age 16 & older



Attend free GED classes on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Southern Oaks Library. Review English, social studies, science and math skills in preparation for the GED test. Materials are provided. Attend any Monday or Wednesday class to enroll. Call 631-4468 for more information. Co-Sponsor: Oklahoma City Adult Learning Center.

#### Are You Prepared? For the Next Ice Storm, Fire, Tornado? May 3 | Mon | 6:30-7:30p All ages

When disaster happens, it's too late to make a list of what you need to have or to do. Be prepared! Join us as a representative from the American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma discusses what you need to do to be ready for a disaster. Co-sponsor: American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma.

#### Score Small Business Counseling May 7,21 | Fri | 10a-1p **Adults**

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

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

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

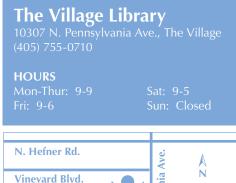
#### **Anime Club** May 12 | Wed | 6:30-8:30p TeenS Teens 14 & older

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

#### **Book Adventure: Kids' Book Club** May 13 | Thur | 4:30-5:30p Ages 6-9

Join us for a book adventure! Meet with kids your age to discuss a great book. We will have a snack and make a craft or play a game. Call the library to find out what book to read this month. Some copies of the book are available at the Information Desk. Read the book before attending the program. Sign-up is required. Call 631-4468 or visit the Information Desk







#### **Special Friends of the Village Library:** Village Fair 2010 May 1 | Sat | 10a-4p All ages

This 8th Annual Village Fair will be held in the southwest parking lot at Casady Square, (beside Walgreens). There will be vendors of all types and Touch the Truck for kids of all ages to enjoy seeing these vehicles up close! Come join the Village Special Friends Group in a day of fun to support The Village Library. Co-sponsor: MLS Friends, City of The Village, Casady Square Merchants.

#### Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me May 4,11,18,25 | Tue 10-11a

Infants to age 4 w/parent

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

#### **Parenting Style and Personality** Type May 4,11 | Tue | 6-8p

For parents and caregivers of young children

Are you a home-body or do you like to be on the go? Do you see the big picture or are you detail-oriented? In this two session class, you will discover your personality type and how it affects your parenting style. Understanding your parenting style will help you make the most of your strengths, understand your parenting struggles, and give you insight into why others parent differently. You will complete a personality inventory to help you identify your personality type and receive the book MotherStyles--Using Personality Type to Discover Your Parenting Strengths by Janet Penley. A fee of \$15 will be charged to cover the cost of the book and the personality inventory. Please call 425-4412 to preregister. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City County Health Department.

#### **Healthy Life Styles** May 4 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p **Adults**

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

#### **Children Reading to Dogs** May 5,12,19,26 | Wed | 6:15-7p May 6,13,20,27 | Thur 4-5p Children who can read

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

#### **Music With Susan** May 13,20,27 | Thur 10-10:30a Ages 2-5 with parent

Join Ms. Susan for musical fun and activities. Class size is limited, so please call 755-0710 to register, or stop by the information desk.

#### V-SIFT May 13 | Thur | 4-5p



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

#### **Summer Volunteer Training** May 15 | Sat | 1-2p **Teens**

Teens! Do you plan on being a volunteer for the summer reading program? Come to the training! You will need to have completed an application, located at the reference desk. Call 755-0710 for more info.

### **Book Discussion Group** May 17 | Mon | 3-4p

We always have a lot to say at the Village book discussion group. Join us each 3rd Monday at

3pm to discuss our latest pick. This month's title can be picked up at the Information Desk.

#### **Metropolitan Library Commission** of Oklahoma County May 20 | Thur | 3:30-5p

The Village Library 10307 N. Penn Oklahoma City, OK 73120 405.755.0710

The public is welcome to attend.

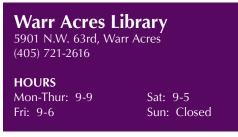
#### **Introduction to Mail Merge** May 20 | Thur | 6:30-8p **Adults**



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

#### **Knitty Committee** May 22 | Sat | 10-11a **Adults**

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





#### **Teen Volunteer Auditions** May 1 | Sat | 10:30-11:30a and 2:30-3:30p Ages 12-17



Applications are being accepted and auditions scheduled for teens who would like to volunteer this summer at the library. Call Alma Brown or ask at the information desk.

**English as a Second Language** May 3,5,10,12 Mon & Wed | 5:30-8p

Improve your written and spoken English

in this class offered by OCCC. Class and materials are free. Enroll with the instructor at class time. Co-sponsor: OCCC.

#### Music Play with Ms. Susan May 4 | 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.

#### **Tripping Through Toddlerhood** May 4 | Tue | 3:30-5p **Adults**



Fun, Fascinating and frustrating are some words to describe the typical toddler. We will discuss what makes toddlers all three of these fun, fascinating and frustrating are some words to describe the typical toddler. We will discuss what makes toddlers all three of these descriptions. Temper tantrums, biting and sharing are some of the most common issues facing parents of toddlers. Please call 425-4412 to enroll in this free workshop. All workshops have been approved for childcare licensing and STARS credit. (No childcare is provided.)

#### Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me May 4,11 | Tue 6:30-7:30p Infants to age 4 w/parent

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

#### **Warr Acres Book Club** May 10 | Mon | 11a-Noon Adults

The Warr Acres Library Book Club meets the second Monday of each month. We will discuss Alice McDermott's novel, After *This.* The novel follows the six members of the Irish-Catholic Keane family in Vietnam War-era New York.

#### **Playtime for Babies and Tots** May 12,19,26 | Wed 9:15-10a and 10:30-11:15a 8 to 30 months old w/adult

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

#### **Children Reading to Dogs** May 13 | Thur 6:30-7:30p Ages 6 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. Dogs and their owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams by Therapy Dogs International. Please pre-register.

#### **Boost Your Child's Brain** Power



May 14 | Fri | 10:30a-Noon children 8 Adults

This workshop will focus on fun activities that will not only enhance the relationship between you and your child, but will be developmentally stimulating. Playing helps your children develop emotionally, physically, socially, and cognitively. We will discuss age appropriate activities and ideas. Please call 425-4412 to register. Free of Charge. No child care provided.

#### **Craft Club: Create a Kite** May 15 | Sat 10:30-11:30a Age 5 and older

Kids will learn about kites and make their own miniature kites to take home. Supplies are provided. Please pre-register.

#### Warr Acres Coffee Break May 17 | 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. Relax and enjoy mingling with other book lovers.

#### **Critter Tales for Preschoolers** May 25 | Tue 6:30-7:30p Ages 2 1/2 - 5



Bring your preschooler for a fun time of discovery and stories. PJ Funny Bunny doesn't like being a bunny anymore; he wants to be a different animal. Come and find out what he wants to be and meet five live animals with Critter Tales Inc. Please pre-register.

#### **Teen Game Night** May 27 | Thur | 6:30-8pa Ages 12-17

Come join us for Rock Band, Super Smash Brothers and more! Please call ahead to register at 721-2616.





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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.

# *Tornado Glory [videorecording]* 551.553/T685t/VIDEO/DISC

Well, it's that time of year again. Reminders of the infamous tornado of May 3, 1999, will be all too common—and terrifying—on local news coverage. If you've forgotten the awesome power of those storms, or didn't live in central Oklahoma on that unforgettable night, take a look at this DVD. It just might scare you into taking seriously those storm warnings you see on TV.

## Twister [videorecording]

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Director Jan de Bont's 1996 special effects thriller, co-written by Michael Crichton, is everyone's favorite fictional tornado story. Partially filmed in the town of Wakita (which got to keep the new fire engine used in the picture), the movie features Gary England and Rick Mitchell as themselves warning TV viewers of impending twister danger. The accuracy of the movie's science has been questioned, but there's no denying it's a real barn burner.



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

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

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