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What do the Amazing Spider-Man, Green Lantern, Betty Cooper and Veronica Lodge have in common? Other than they're all characters from popular comic books? (Betty and Veronica are Archie's girlfriends, remember?)

They are all featured in comics that will be given away on Saturday, May 7, at your neighborhood library and comics shop between 9a.m. and 5p.m.—or until supplies run out.

Right, the first Saturday in May is always Free Comic Book Day. MLS has been a participant for years and we know that the free books don't last all day so you should stop by early. Other titles and characters will be available, too, including some that you can find only on this day.

And if you do miss out, you know that MLS has a sizable collection of graphic novels you can check out, so join the fun. Be a kid again, at least for one Saturday every year.

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Dairy Air

by Larry Johnson

Every month I undergo near-convulsive ruminations in selecting a topic for this column. History is running out, I tell myself. There's nothing left to write about. And yet there's the relatively small historical lobe of my brain that somehow automatically makes me search the past for inspiration and guidance on modern problems. Libya? Yep, I thought of the Barbary War in 1801. Japan? Earthquake + tsunami=wipeout in 1923. Middle East revolutions? Europe – 1848.



o what is it this month? Pickups. Walking among the skyscrapers I routinely see suited-and-tied men driving huge pickups in, out and around Downtown.

I see these monstrosities with names that suggest they are better suited to a rural location and ask, is this really necessary? Do you really need to drive something like that downtown? It's not like you're hauling anything out to your farm after work. Well, maybe they are.

That's when the still, small voice from the historical lobe brought to mind the first big wave of "sidewalk farmers" at the dawn of the twentieth

century. These were businessmen – often raised on farms – who lived and worked in the city and tended farms and large gardens on the outskirts for relaxation and to maintain cultural ties with their rural past. This was popular in Oklahoma City, too, and no one did it bigger or better than Anton Classen.

Classen's business activities were many and varied but he was above all things a developer. He was a master at scaling his endeavors so that each activity created new opportunities. The best example is his operating an electric streetcar line to develop his suburban lots and then using the excess electricity to operate Belle Isle Park. And just to the west of Belle Isle he turned an empty quarter-section of land into an alfalfa farm (Of course, we call it Penn Square

Mall today). Then he raised a herd of Jersey cows to eat the alfalfa and produce milk which he bottled in his Belle Isle Dairy and delivered to homes (hundreds of which he built) all over the city. Today a developer with empty land plops down a car wash or ministorage and hopes it makes a loss so he can write if off his taxes.

Classen applied scientific principles to his farm and many of his techniques, though common to us, were advanced

in his day. He worked with professors from OSU. He numbered his cows and kept charts on their production. He monitored their health and the purity of their milk. And when they couldn't produce efficiently they were "shipped off to Packingtown." This was what this guy did for recreation. Sheesh!



Anton Classen (right) examining his Belle Isle property.

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



Now You See Her

by Joy Fielding

Marcy Taggart looks out the window of the pub in Cork, Ireland and sees her daughter Devon, her daughter who disappeared from a canoe on a Canadian lake almost two years ago, her daughter who committed suicide. Marcy runs wildly from the pub in pursuit, slips on the wet pavement and is helped up by a fellow traveler. Devon is nowhere to

Ireland is a long way from Marcy's home in Toronto. She is travelling solo in Ireland because her husband Peter, who was supposed to be traveling with her in celebration of his Irish ancestry, left Marcy for their golf instructor, Sarah.

Marcy shows Devon's picture all around Cork. She shows the photo to Liam and to Kelly who both work at the pub where she first saw her. They think it could be a picture of Audrey a girl they both

Marcy goes on a road trip to meet with her

reviewed by Ruby Soutiere

daughter, only it isn't. She gets a tip that her daughter hangs out at an after-hours club, only she doesn't. While trying to find her daughter, Marcy is hit by a bicycle, involved in a pub fracas, her hotel room is ransacked, her earrings are stolen and she is accused of casing a neighborhood. Does her daughter not want to be found, or is it something

Bestselling author Fielding has created another suspense filled read with this novel.

The title is also available in large print, as a compact disc Audiobook, and as an OverDrive WMA Audiobook.

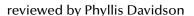
Ruby Soutiere has the best job ever, selecting the adult fiction for the Metropolitan Library System. If you are quick, you might see her, in her free time, zipping around the city in a white roadster, red curls flying.



The Silent Governess

by Julie Klassen

In this Regency read, Olivia Keene feared she would be arrested for murder after she used a fire iron to defend her mother from being choked to death. Afterwards, her mother insisted that Olivia run away to a girls' school until she could come for her. After a series of unfortunate mishaps, Olivia is hiding behind a tree near Brightwell Court when she inadvertently overhears a conversation between Lord Edward Bradley and his father that could ruin the younger man's chances of inheriting his father's title. When Bradley discovers Olivia, he accuses her of spying and insists she remain at Brightwell Court, working in his family's nursery, until he can figure out what to do about her.



Soon Olivia becomes a favorite of the children, the servants, and even Bradley's father, the Earl. Although Bradley begins to fall under her spell, he still mistrusts her, especially when he begins receiving letters accusing him of not being eligible to inherit. .

This story is satisfyingly full of intriguing mysteries, surprises, and gothic atmosphere but blessedly short on passionate scenes.

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.







reviewed by Kelley Riha

Designs of the Night Sky

by Diane Glancy

"Library books are made from trees. Therefore, a library is shade." reasons Ada Ronner from her wire cage.

The main character of Glancy's novel is Ada, college librarian at Northeastern State College in Tahlequah. The stories revolve around her search for truth and understanding of the dynamic family she holds together. It is Ada and physicist husband Ether that the rest of the family depend on to watch their children, settle their arguments and provide stability when they land on hard times. Ada finds refuge roller skating with her church group, the Truthettes, at the Dust Bowl rink, and at work in the Rare Books and Manuscripts section. She says, "I stand in the library from time to time looking through the books. Some of them don't speak, but the words remain in their rows to be picked like corn. I step into their field and harvest

the reading."

Written in short form like diary entries, the reading is easy and goes by quickly. Stories include references to Oklahoma, libraries and family life, mixed blood Cherokee ancestry and the oral traditions. "Why that title?" you may ask. Author Glancy's response might be that, "... The stars are alphabet. That's where the idea for writing came from: the stars. They are written words; their constellations moving the way books in the library circulate. Written words are the lesser lights. Yes. The greater light is still the sun, the voice."

Join Ada, the family and the Truthettes to discover Designs of the Night Sky.

Kelley Riha is Community Information Coordinator in the MLS Outreach Dept. She is a long-time performer for children and reviews books written for the youngest readers.



The Night Bookmobile

written and illustrated by Audrey Niffenegger

Wouldn't it be interesting to read a serialization

of a graphic novel in a national newspaper? That is just what Niffenegger did when the UK Guardian serialized The Night Bookmobile during the Fall of 2008. Inspired by the short stories of H.G. Wells and her own dreams, Niffenegger first began writing The Night Bookmobile as a short story in 2004 and turned it into a graphic novel in 2008.

The main character, Alexandra, loves to read and over the years her books have become her most treasured possessions. Her idea of heaven is to find herself in a library full of books. One evening, while out walking in her home town of Chicago, she comes across an old Winnebago with the door wide open and the music of Bob Marley blasting out. She becomes curious and takes a look inside;

reviewed by Christine Bassett

she sees an elderly gentleman sitting inside who asks her if she would like to view the collection. To her amazement and delight, she discovers that the collection comprises all the books that she has read. From this time onwards, her goal in life becomes to find the Night Bookmobile again and to work there. As the story unfolds in ways that we do not expect, we discover whether or not Alexandra's dream comes true.

This is a fascinating graphic novel suitable for adult book lovers and for some for older teens due to the serious nature of the content. If you haven't read a graphic novel since you were a teenager, give this one a try

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

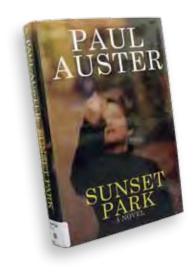


Reviews & Recommendations



Sunset Park by Paul Auster

reviewed by Beth Wilson



National Public Radio recommended this book in "Book Club Picks," so I immediately checked it out expecting a thought-provoking and well-written literary novel. In that, I wasn't disappointed.

The story follows Miles Heller, a twenty-eight year old New Yorker who has distanced himself from his family for the past seven years because of his guilt over an accident involving his stepbrother's death. His plan to live in the moment and drift around the country without attachments comes to a grinding halt when he falls in love with a high school girl. He returns to New York to avoid trouble with her family, and moves into an abandoned house with three other twentysomethings to save money for the day she turns eighteen. Each of his housemates - as well as his mother and father - contribute points of view, revealing their personalities while portraying

different pictures of Miles. Meanwhile, the threat of eviction hovers over the story like an electrical storm, adding more tension to the angst and sexual drama of each of the characters.

For the most part, I enjoyed the novel. However, the author uses second person present tense for a whole section of the story, which is jarring, and the ending was extremely abrupt. It is well-suited for a book club because the many themes and ideas addressed and the open ending invite discussion. However, if you like a happy ending, or one with even a modicum of resolution, this book isn't for

Beth is a reference librarian at the Midwest City Library. She especially loves reading literary and young adult fiction, and her goal this year is to read 100 books.



You Know When the Men Are Gone by Siobhan Fallon

What is the real cost of war? Fallon's short stories explore these costs not in terms of physical casualties or money, but in the lives of the military families for whom war is real and must be dealt with on a daily basis.

The time setting is the Iraq war, but it could be any war. The physical setting is Fort Hood, Texas, but it could be any base, any branch of service. Eight vignettes, each encompassing just a few days in the lives of just a few people, speak volumes about life in the military. Those who have ever served will be transformed back to that military life and mindset, and recognize the realness of life on a military base. Those who have never served will recognize the conflicts and trials of everyday life from a new

reviewed by Lloyd Lovely

perspective.

With writing this excellent, it's easy to be drawn into the stories. Military or not, you understand the pain. Each story leaves you unsettled, wishing you could go back to the media's convenient narrative. Instead, you do your duty and forge ahead, just like these characters, caught up in life.

This title is also available as a compact disc Audiobook, as an OverDrive WMA Audiobook, and as an Adobe EPUB eBook.

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



Outer Beauty

hen you look at a library building, what do you see? In your mind's eye, you might imagine rows and rows of books just waiting to be discovered. You dream fleetingly of DVDs and CDs and computers for public use—newspapers and magazines, programs for every member of the family. That's what the mind recalls.

But what do you actually see?

That's architecture and landscaping.

"It's not enough for our libraries to be comfortable, inviting places on the inside," said MLS Director of Development Diane Sarantakos. "They've got to look inviting and comfortable, and that's in large part the job of landscaping."

The most recent completions of landscaping projects have been at Ralph Ellison Library, due to its renovation, and The Village Library. During the next fiscal year, the library system hopes to add landscaping face-lifts to Midwest City, Warr Acres, Bethany and Belle Isle Libraries. With the opening of the new Northwest Library, that makes five new projects.

"The Metropolitan Library System has a working partnership with the Oklahoma City Community Foundation for landscaping," Sarantakos added. "As with any partnership, both organizations are able to produce some things the other one needs. OCCF has been very generous with its support of library landscaping, donating \$5,000 to \$8,000 for each project."

The planning stage calls for meetings with the OCCF's landscape architect, the library manager, MLS Director of Facilities Maintenance Patrick Williams, MLS Executive Director Donna Morris and the landscaper. The team talks about the facility and its needs, always keeping in mind the

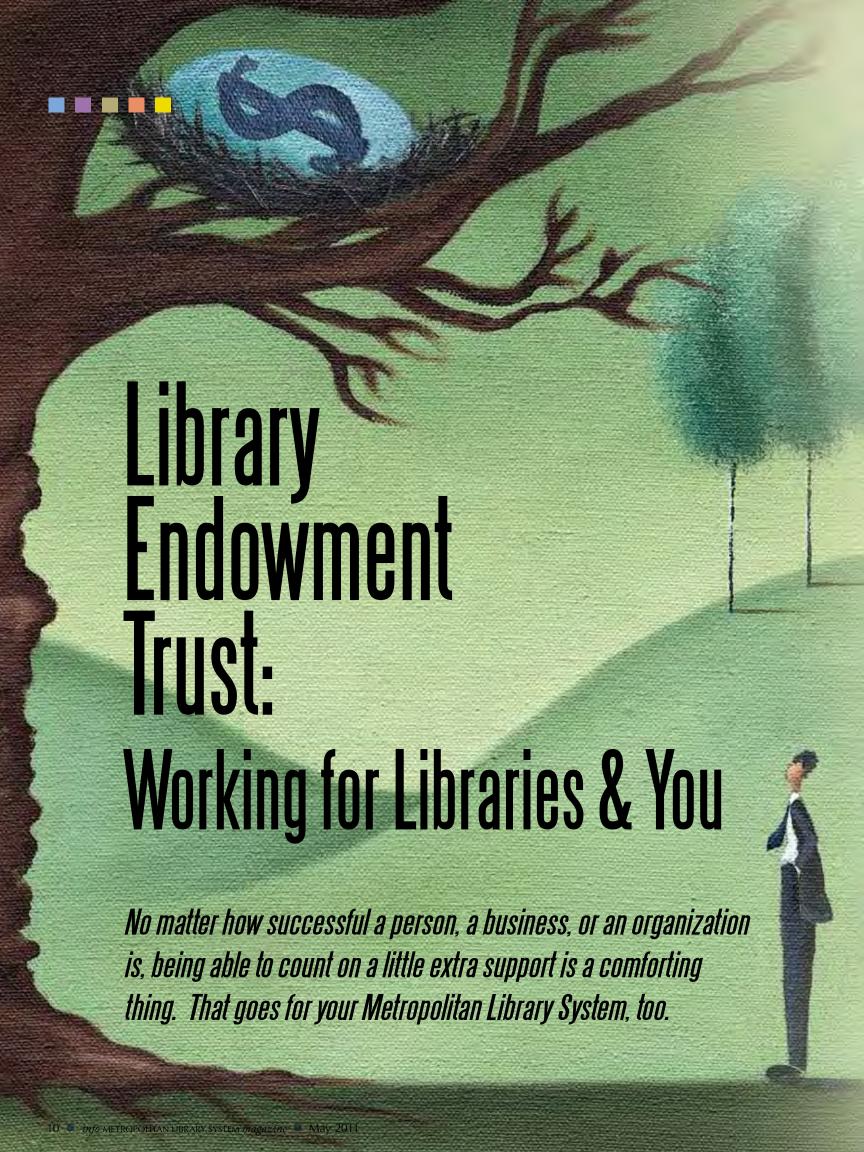
three main considerations: safety, low maintenance, and aesthetics.

"Sometimes when you look at the landscaping needs," Sarantakos said, "you're surprised to discover other things you may have overlooked. One library might need a new bike rack, or another could really use some new benches.

"Another important factor is that we're looking to build continuity between the libraries. We don't want all of them to look the same. How boring would that be? Different communities have different needs and personalities. But we do want to create a degree of uniformity so people know each building is a library and part of a larger library system."

And we want them to feel welcome. That's something outer beauty is good for.





here are two groups that provide monetary support for MLS: The Friends of the Library, and the Library Endowment Trust. You're probably more familiar with the Friends because of their annual Booksale every February, but despite its lower profile, The Library Endowment Trust works 12 months a year to prepare the system for the future.

The Library Endowment Trust is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization which provides the general public with a tax-deductible vehicle in which to contribute to the Metropolitan Library System. Contributions received are invested on a permanent basis, allowing funds to grow for the benefit of future projects and programs of the Metropolitan Library System.

"We're always open," said Mary Price, President of the Library Endowment Trust. "That's the beauty of our new, re-designed customer-friendly web site. People can go there 24/7 to find out what we are and how we're helping."

The Endowment Trust is concerned more with the long-term security of MLS rather than with immediate projects. A donor knows that money gifted to the Trust now will continue to produce benefits long after the donor is gone. You can give in honor of a friend or family member. You can even donate every year in place of buying a loved one a birthday present—although you can still take him or her out to dinner.

"Donations can come to us via check, cash or credit card," Mrs. Price added, "and we've recently added the reliability and ease of making your donation online. Online donations are actually easier to keep up with than direct donations at library locations. E-mail receipts with full tax deduction information are sent immediately. And donations of any size are welcome. The Endowment Trust is not just for library supporters with deep pockets; it's for everyone who knows how important public libraries have been, are, and will always be to the American way of life."

Donors are invited to an annual reception for people who have given or pledged to the Trust. Names are placed on a mailing list, and a new newsletter is being prepared to update donors on what the Trust is doing next.

"Our annual Literary Voices™ dinner is our most visible event," Mrs. Price said. "Every year we bring a popular author to Oklahoma City for an evening of good food and good talk. Honorees in the past have included Sue Grafton, Scott Turow, and Dave Barry. This year's guest was former First Lady Laura Bush."

Take a look at the Library Endowment Trust page at the library website, www.metrolibrary.org, for more information on how to become a LET donor.

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Database Report: Global Road Warrior

What parent doesn't dread the day his or her child comes home from school with an assignment to write a report about some foreign country? Okay, you think, England, how hard can that be? And then it turns out to be Burkina Faso, formerly The Republic of Upper Volta, and the teacher said you can't use Wikipedia or an encyclopedia.

Boy, will you be glad your library subscribes to the Global Road Warrior database and you can access it from the MLS website for free.

Global Road Warrior like having a complete set of State Department White Papers at your fingertips. From the Home page you select the country you need to research and Bingo, there you are. You can learn about Burkina's location (West Africa), culture, government, history, language, currency, transportation, businesses, medical facilities—even what kind of electrical outlets they use. And yes, pictures of the flag in jpg form so they can be easily downloaded.

Global Road Warrior is a product of World Trade Press. Their massive Country Database contains constantly updated information and graphics for 175 countries. It covers major topic areas and currently has over seven million words of content, more than 1,750 maps and over 12,000 photos.

If you can't find the country you're looking for in Global Road Warrior, it doesn't really exist.

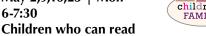


To see the latest information about library programs and events, please click on Calendar of Events on the MLS website: www.metrolibrary.org

Belle Isle Library 5501 N. Villa Ave., OKC (405) 843-9601 **HOURS**



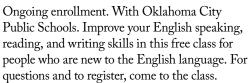
Children Reading to Dogs May 2,9,16,23 | Mon 6-7:30



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.

English Classes: Learn English as a Second Language

May 3,5 | Tue and Thur 9:30a-12:30p **Adults**



Mother's Day is Here May 4 | Wed | 10-11a Pre-kindergarten



Languages & Life

Celebrate Mother's Day doing a project to give to mom. Hear stories about springtime. Pre-registration begins April 15th. 843-9601.

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MLS Libraries will be closed May 29 and 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

Child Guidance Screenings May 4 | Wed | Noon-5 Ages birth to 5 years w/guardian



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

GED @ Belle Isle Library May 6,13 | Fri 9:30a-12:30p Age 16 and older



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

Free Comic Book Day May 7 | 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!

A Visit with Rosie the **Riveter from WWII** May 14 | Sat | 2-3p Ages 6 and older



Women joined the work force and made a great contribution. In the form of re-enactor Barbara Byrd, we'll have a chance to meet and learn about the life and times of Rosie the Riveter. From the Library of Congress web site: Transcript of video presentation by Sheridan Harvey. "Rosie the Riveter is the female icon of World War II. She is the home-front equivalent of G.I. Joe. She represents any woman defense worker. And for many women, she's an example of a strong, competent foremother. The woman in the bandanna rolling up the sleeve on her raised bent arm". Sign up at the reference desk.

Metro OKC Knit Guild Group Meeting May 15 | Sun | 3-5p Teens-adults

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

Intro to E-Readers May 24 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p **Teens-Adults**

As E-readers gain popularity, wouldn't it be nice to have an introduction to the ones available and how to use them? Sign up at the reference desk to learn more about the subject with Belle Isle's public computer specialist, Stan.

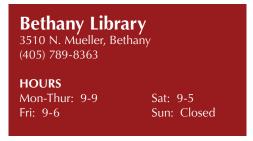
Laughter Yoga Workshop May 24 | Tue | 7-8p Age 6 and older

You don't need a mat or special clothes for this fun activity gaining in popularity. According to www.laughteryoga.org, Laughter Yoga is a revolutionary idea that's sweeping the world. Laughter Yoga combines unconditional laughter with yogic breathing. Anyone can laugh for no reason, without relying on humor. The concept of Laughter Yoga is based on the fact that the body cannot differentiate between simulated and natural laughter. One gets the same physiological and psychological benefits. Sign up at the reference desk!

Book Discussion Group featuring the Great Books

May 28 | Sat | 2-4p **Teens - Adults**

A Great Books discussion group is forming and uses the shared inquiry method, led by Steve Overman, a certified discussion leader. The only requirement for attending a Great Books meeting is that you read the selection to be discussed. You need not attend all meetings. To sign up or get additional information ask at the library or contact Steve Overman, 509-2363 or sjoverman@cox.net





Spring Story & Craft Time May 5 | Thur | 10-10:45a Ages 3 to 6



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

Free Comic Book Day May 7 | 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!

Jill Justice Plays Harp Music for Mother's Day Event May 7 | Sat | 2-3p All ages



Bethany Library will host this special event featuring harpist Jill Justice. This free concert is open for all. Cake and tea will be served after the concert.

Toddler Story and Play Time May 12 | Thur | 9:30-10:15a & 10:30-11:15a Ages 2-3 w/adult



Enjoy stories, songs, nursery rhymes and play

time. For child with adult. Choose the 9:30 or 10:30 session. Pre-register at the library information desk or call 789-8363, ext 3.

Developmental Screenings May 13 | Fri | 9-Noon Ages birth to 5 years w/guardian



Child Guidance is offering developmental and speech/language screenings. A screening is a very general look at how children are doing compared to other children the same age. Questions or concerns you may have about your child's development or behavior will be discussed. Screenings will include a small fee. To schedule your appt., call Child Guidance, OCCHD at 425-4412.

Build Your Own Business May 19 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p Adults

Learn about starting a business in Oklahoma. Attend this seminar sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration and SCORE. This seminar was originally scheduled for 4/28. Cosponsor: U.S. Small Business Administration and SCORE.

Tea Time with Miss Mary May 21 | Sat | 2-3p Age 4 and older



We'll be reviewing and practicing manners while enjoying tea time refreshments. Bring a grownup with you and dress for the occasion if you like! Mary Strasner, former Bethany Children's Librarian, will be back to host this traditional tea party for children. Reserve a space for you and your child at the library information desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.



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Anime Club May 2 | Mon | 4-6p **Teens**



Join us the first Monday of every month. Share and discuss your favorite Anime and Manga

(Japanese drawings and cartoons). Screen new Anime episodes each month! Snacks will be provided, so come join the fun! Call Angela at 634-6308 for more information.

Conversational Spanish May 2,9 | Mon | 5:30-7p



Conversational Spanish classes conclude May 9th. The course is intended to teach basic Spanish speaking skills (Who, What, When, and Where). Register by calling library, or sign up at the reference desk.

Tell Me A Story May 3,10,24,31 | Tue 9:30-10:15a Ages 6 and younger



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

Get Wordy: Project Journal May 4 | Wed | 4-5p May 9 | Mon | 4-5p Grades 4-7

Writing can be an excellent form of selfexpression, and a way to empower yourself. Write and learn through journaling, writing song lyrics, poetry, stories, and more. Life is a book and you have the pen!

Child Guidance: Developmental Screenings

May 5 | Thur | 1-5p Ages birth to 5 years w/guardian



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

Capitol Hill Chess Club May 5 | Thur | 4-6p **Kids-Teens**

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

Free Comic Book Day May 7 | Sat | 9a-5p **Teens**



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Children Reading to Dogs May 7 | Sat | 1-2p Kids who can read



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

GameFest May 10 | Tue | 5:30-7p Teens 11 and older



Let's get our game on! Come to the library to play Wii games, Rock Band, and Smash Brothers. You can even bring your own multiplayer games to share. E and T ratings only. Call 634-6308 for more information.

Pokemon Club May 12 | Thur | 4-5p Ages 6-12

I choose you! Pokemon Club is on the 2nd Thursday each month. Bring your own Pokemon cards, or Nintendo DS game, and play with other Pokemon fans. This will be a non-trading game. The library has Pokemon cards available for those who have yet to build their decks. Come battle it out with your friends!

Computer Basics May 14 | Sat | 2-3:15p



This class is designed for adults and seniors who know very little about computers, but who want to learn more. You are encouraged to write down a couple of specific things that you want to learn, and bring the list with you to the class. Any computer related question is appropriate, and an attempt to answer all the questions will be made. If you have a laptop or notebook computer you are encouraged to bring them with you to the class. Please register at the information desk, or by calling the library.

Speed Connect 4 Tournament May 25 | Wed | 4-5p Ages 10-older

Be the last kid standing when you battle it out in Speed Connect 4! Drop the chips as fast as you can to get 4 in a row. Prizes given to winners.

Twisted! Twister Tournament May 27 | Fri | 4-5p Ages 10-older

How twisted can you get? Be the last one on

the mat and become the Twister Champion! Prizes given to winners.

Choctaw Library 2525 Muzzy St., Choctaw (405) 390-8418 **HOURS** Mon-Thur: 9-8

Gilbert St.	Muzzy St.	42
NE 23rd St.		

Lapsit Story Time May 3,10,17,24,31 | Tue 9:30-10a Ages 6 months-3 years

Fri: 9-6



Sun: Closed

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

Preschool StoryTime May 3,10,17,24,31 | 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.

Lil' Lit' Club May 3,10,17,24 | Tue | 1-1:30p Children who can read

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

Cinco de Mayo Celebration May 5 | Thur | 6-7p **Teens**



Join us for this fun cultural event in celebration of Cinco de Mayo! Learn a bit about the history behind the holiday, sample some authentic Mexican cuisine, and make your own pinatas or maracas!

Preschool Aerobics May 6 | Fri | 10:30-11a Age 3 and older

Join us for preschool aerobics featuring exercises to develop fine & gross motor skills. Parents/

caregivers will participate with their child. Please pre-register at 390-8418.

Free Comic Book Day May 7 | 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!

Red Cross Babysitter's Training May 7 | Sat | 9:30a-4:30p Ages 11-15

Become a certified Babysitter. Learn about basic child care and basic first aid at this all day workshop. Cost \$10 per student. Students will need to bring a lunch. Snacks and other materials provided by the Choctaw Library. Space is limited, please register at the reference desk or call 390-8418 for more information. Payment is required to secure a spot in the training.

Pizza & Plots May 11 | Wed | 4:30-5:30p Teens



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

Open Play Time May 14 | Sat | 10-11a Age 6 mths-5 years w/parents



Sharing in playtime with your young child helps promote learning and development. Each second Saturday the library provides a roomful of great toys for children ages 6 months to 5 years. We invite you to join in the fun! Call 390-8418 to register.

Children Reading to Dogs May 14 | Sat | 3-4p May 18 | Wed | 4-5p Children who can read



Come and read to a dog! (A dog and trainer certified as a therapy team by Therapy Dogs International.) Readers can come to practice and improve their reading skills. The dogs with their owners act as an uncritical, appreciative audience with excellent listening skills! Bring your own book or borrow one from us! Come by or call 390-8418 to reserve a space.

Baby Signs May 17 | Tue | 6-7p **Parents and caregivers** of Young Children



Baby Signs teaches communication before babies are able to use words. This fun and interactive signing class teaches how to

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include signs naturally while interacting with your child through daily routines and play. Learn and practice approximately 50 signs. Facilitated by Child Guidance staff, Cheryl Custer and Tracy Goebel. Preregister: 425-4412. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City County Health Dept.

Child Guidance Screenings May 19 | Thur | 12:30-5p Ages birth to 5 years



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

Disaster Preparedness Plus Citizen CPR May 24 | Tue | 6-7:30p **Adults**

Are you prepared for the next fire, tornado or other disaster? Learn how to be prepared for emergencies by joining a representative from the American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma in learning basic disaster preparedness skills as well as learning how to do "hands-only" CPR. Learn how to save a life! Registration required. Limit 20. Cosponsor: American Red Cross.

Ookami Anime Club May 28 | Sat | 2:30-4p **Teens**



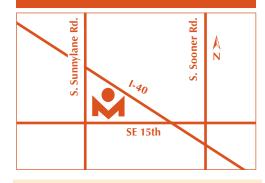
Share and discuss your favorite Anime and Manga (Japanese drawings and cartoons). Screen new Anime episodes each month! Snacks will be provided so come join the fun! *Anime may contain material that is considered unsuitable for ages 13 and younger.

Del City Library 4509 S.E. 15th, Del City

(405) 672-1377

HOURS

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



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

Intercambio! May 5,12,19,26 | Thur 7-8p All ages



¿Habla Inglés? ¿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 Thursdays, a qualified ESL tutor will be on hand to help you learn and practice the Spanish or English language. Call 672-1377 to sign up for a session.

Free Comic Book Day May 7 | 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!

TAB Meet-Up May 10 | 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.

Smile It's Storytime May 10 | Tue | 6:30-7:15p Ages 3-6



This storytime is all about smiles so bring yours

and join us for reading, and singing, and fun! For more information please call 672-1377 or stop by the reference desk.

Lapsit Storytime May 20 | Fri | 10-10:20a Ages 6 months-3 years



This is a special time for babies and parents to join us for reading, singing, and playing together. So please join us at the library for some gentle fun planned especially for the little ones.

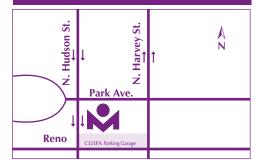
Downtown Library 300 Park Ave., OKC

(405) 231-8650

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5 Sun: 1-6



Write On! Writing Workshop May 1,8,15,22 | Sun 3-5p Ages 13-21

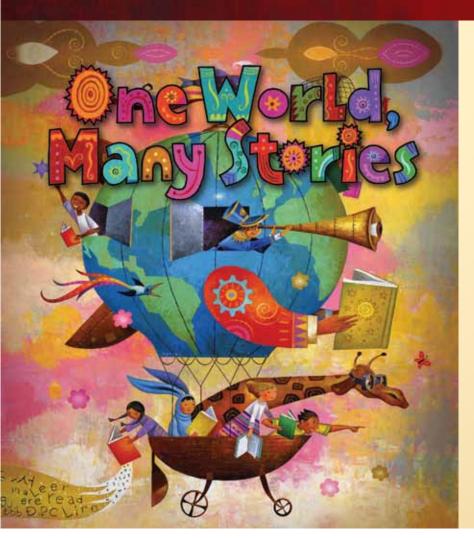


Oklahoma Young Writers presents Write On!, a writing workshop for writers ages 13-21 facilitated by nationally touring poets, Rob Sturma and Lauren Zuniga. Students explore the path between imagination and memory, build a tool box of literary devices and learn new techniques for constructive peer critique.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

Computer Basics May 3,10,17,24 | Tue 6-7:30p **Adults**



This four week computer basics class includes Microsoft Word, Internet searching, Email and more. The class is located in the Route 66 Computer Lab at the Downtown Library. Please call 606-3879 to register.



Get ready for a World of Travel, A World of Fun!

It's the Metropolitan Library System's Summer at the Library 2011 Reading Program for Kids.

June 1 - July 31

Sign up for great prizes and the chance to win even more! We've got One World, Many Stories and you to enjoy them with us!

Wednesday Night at the Movies May 4,11,18,25 | Wed | 6-8p Ages 13 and older

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

May 4: Sixteen Candles May 11: The Breakfast Club May 18: Some Kind of Wonderful May 25: Ferris Bueller's Day Off

Noon Tunes May 5,12,19,26 | Thur 11:30a-12:30p All ages



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

May 4 Allegria Real May 11: Joe Johnson May 18: Lisa and Laura

May 25: Dustin Prinz, guitar instrumental and folk

PM Play With Me May 5 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p Infant to age 4 with parent or guardian



Playing with your baby or child is not only important for bonding but is also an educational experience for your child. We are providing a special time and place for you to come to the library and spend one-on-one time playing with your child. This program is intended for infants through age four with their parents or

guardians. Pre-register by calling the library 231-8650, ext. 4 or visiting the children's reference desk.

Play With Me May 6 | Fri | 10-10:50a Infants to age 4 w/parent or guardian



Playing with your baby or child is not only important for bonding but is also an educational experience for your child. This program is intended for infants through age four with parents or guardians. Pre-register by calling 231-8650, ext. 4, or by visiting the Children's Reference Desk.

Free Comic Book Day May 7 | 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!

Build Your Own Business May 7 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon Adults

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

Book-It! Book Club May 7 | Sat | 2-30p **Grades 3-6**



Join us for a fun book club. Book-It! - Book adventures for students in grades 3-6. You may pick your own mystery book to read and share. There will be games, activities and fun related to mysteries. RSVP by calling 231-8650, ext. 4.

Preschool Aerobics May 13 | Fri | 10-10:45a Ages 12 mos-5 yrs w/adult



Preschool aerobics will get you moving and grooving with warm-ups, stretches, activities and a cool-down. An active story will wrap up your aerobic experience. Pre-register by calling 231-8650, ext. 4 or by visiting the Children's Reference Desk.

Teen Volunteer Training May 14 | Sat | 10-11:30a May 26 | Thur | 6-7:30p Teens in 7th-12th Grade



Looking for a fun way to help your community? Become a summer library volunteer! At our teen volunteer training you will learn how to register kids for the reading program, assist with programs, maintain reading program files, and award prizes! 2011 Summer at the Library runs from June 1 through July 31. For more information, call 231-8650, ext. 2.

Gallery Storytime May 14 | Sat | 2-3p All ages



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

I Can't Believe I Shot That! Teen Film

May 15 | Sun | 2-4p All ages

It's the 4th Annual "I Can't Believe I Shot That!" Teen Film Festival! Entries into the ICBIST Film Contest will be shown, winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded. Everyone is invited to attend, but space is limited. Please call 606-3876 (ask for Kimberly) for more information.

Book 'N' Play Storytime May 20 | Fri | 10-10:45a Ages 3 to 5 yrs w/adult

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

Children Reading to Dogs May 21 | Sat | 3-4p Children who read



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

Child Guidance Developmental and Language Screenings May 26 | Thur | 9a-Noon Ages birth to 5 years with parent

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

will include a small fee. To schedule your screening appointment, please call Child Guidance @ 405-425-4412. Cosponsor: OCCHD-Child Guidance.

Music Play with Miss Ginger May 27 | Fri | 10-10:45a Ages 2 to 5 years with adult



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

Edmond Library

HOURS

Sun:	1-6	

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Advanced Farsi May 1,8,15,22 | Sun 1:30-2:30p Adults and teens



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

Beginning Farsi May 1,8,15,22 | Sun 2:30-3:30p Adults and teens



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

Preschool Storytime May 2,9,16,23 | 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.

Intermediate ESL May 2,4,9,11,16,18 Mon & Wed | 1-4p Adults



This class is for adults who would like to improve their spoken and written English, and includes grammar, conversation, vocabulary, reading, writing, listening, and pronunciation. The Class is provided by Oklahoma City Community College. Free. Register with instructor on the first day you plan to attend. Cosponsor: OCCC.

Beginning ESL May 2,4,9,11,16,18 Mon & Wed | 5:30-8:30p



In this ESL class you will begin to learn about how to speak and write English. The class includes an introduction to grammar, conversation, vocabulary, reading, writing, listening, and pronunciation. This class is provided by Oklahoma City Community College. Class and materials are free. Register with the instructor on the first day of class. Cosponsor: OCCC.

Lapsit: Playtime and Storytime May 3,17 | Tue | 9:30-10a and 10:15-10:45a and 11-11:30a Birth to 2 years



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

Developmental Child Screening May 3 | Tue | 1-5p Ages birth to 5 years



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

GED May 3,5,10,12 Tue & Thur | 5:30-8:30p Ages 16 and 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. Register with the Instructor the first day you attend class. Co-Sponsor: OCCC.

Chess Club for Teens May 3,10,17,24 | Tue 6-7p **Teens**



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

55+ Coffee Break May 4,11,18,25 | Wed | 9:30-11a **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!

Computer Instruction with Carl May 4,11,18,25 | Wed 1-4p Adults 18 and older



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

Free Comic Book Day May 7 | 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!

Driver Safety Program with AARP May 7 | Sat | 9:30a-3p Adults

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

Stamp Club May 7,21 | 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.

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

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

Disaster Preparedness Plus Citizen CPR May 10 | Tue | 6:30-8p **Adults**

Are you prepared for the next fire, tornado or other disaster? Learn how to be prepared for emergencies by joining a representative from the American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma in learning basic disaster preparedness skills as well as learning how to do "hands-only" CPR. Learn how to save a life! Registration required. Limit 20. Cosponsor: American Red Cross.

Edmond Manga and Anime May 12 | Thur | 4-5:30p **Teens**



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

Build Your Own Business May 12 | Thur | 6:30-8p **Adults**

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

Music With Susan May 13,27 | Fri | 10-10:30a and 10:40-11:10a **Ages 2-3**



Join with Susan in musical activities designed especially for this age group. Classes are held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Registration for the 2nd Friday begins on the 1st day of the month. Registration for the 4th Friday always begins on the 15th day of the

month. Pre-register by calling 341-9282, ext. 4.

Music With Susan Mar 11,25 | Fri | 11:15-11:45a children & FAMILIES **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.

Babysitter's Workshop May 14 | Sat | 9:30a-4:30p Ages 11-15



American Red Cross course for kids ages 11-15 to prepare for job as babysitters. All day course, participants need to bring lunch. Fees will be provided by Edmond Library. Limited class size. Register at the library or by calling 341 9282.

Reader's Choice Book Discussion May 14 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon **Adults**

The Reader's Choice book club meets the second Saturday of every month at the Edmond Library. The group consists of people who enjoy reading outstanding books and discussing them. The May selection will be either one of Philippa Gregory's related books: the Red Queen or the White Queen. Read one or both!

Edmond Library Book Bunch May 14 | Sat | 2-3:30p Seniors

The May selection is Garth Stein's serio-comic masterpiece, The Art of Racing in the Rain-"a beautifully crafted and captivating look at the wonders and absurdities of human life...as only a dog could tell it."

Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament May 14,28 | Sat | 3-4:30p All school-aged children

Calling all experienced Yu-Gi-Oh players. Come get your Yu-Gi-Oh game on at the Edmond Library. This tournament is for those who already know how to play the game.

Teaching Children to be More Cooperative



May 17 | Tue | 3:30-5p **Parents**

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. Cosponsor: OCCHD.

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In Stitches-Edmond Library Needlecraft Group

May 17 | Tue | 6-8:30p Adults

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

Sustainable Edmond May 17 | 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 socially. Sustainable Edmond promotes environmental stewardship through individual, commercial, and business participation.

History Book Club May 19 | Thur | 6:30-8p Adults

This is an every-other-month history book discussion at the Edmond Public Library. The discussions are led by history professors from the University of Central Oklahoma. The May discussion concerns the book *The Bonfire: The Siege and Burning of Atlanta* by author Marc Wortman. As much a recounting of the lives of Atlantans at the time as military history, this book sheds light on life in the Civil War era South. Cosponsor: University of Central Oklahoma.

Lapsit: Playtime and Toddler Aerobics May 24 | 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.

Harrah Library

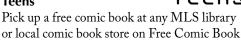
1930 N. Church Ave., Harral (405) 454-2001

HOURS

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



Free Comic Book Day May 7 | Sat | 9a-5p Teens



Children Reading to Dogs May 14 | Sat | 9a-Noon Grades K-6th

Day. Supplies are limited!

Come practice your reading skills by reading to our therapy dogs, Duke And Chewbacca. Call the library at 454-2001 for information.

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Jones Library 111 E. Main St., Jones (405) 399-5471 HOURS Tue & Thur: 9:30-5:30 Sat: 1-5 Mon Wed Fri & Sun: Closed



Free Comic Book Day May 7 | 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!

Luther Library 310 N.E. 3rd, Luther

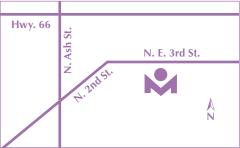
(405) 277-9967

HOURS

Mon - Thur: 9:30-6

Fri & Sat: 9-5





Wii Fest May 2-28 | 9:30a-6p All ages

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

Oklahoma County Triad: Keeping Our Citizens Safe

May 3 | Tue | 11a-Noon Adults

Keeping our Citizens Safe. Don't be a Victim come and learn what is happening in our communities and how to be safe in our homes. TRIAD gives you the opportunity to get the latest crime-prevention information direct from your local law enforcement. What can be better than that. Call 277-9967 for information.

Free Comic Book Day May 7 | Sat | 9a-5p Teens



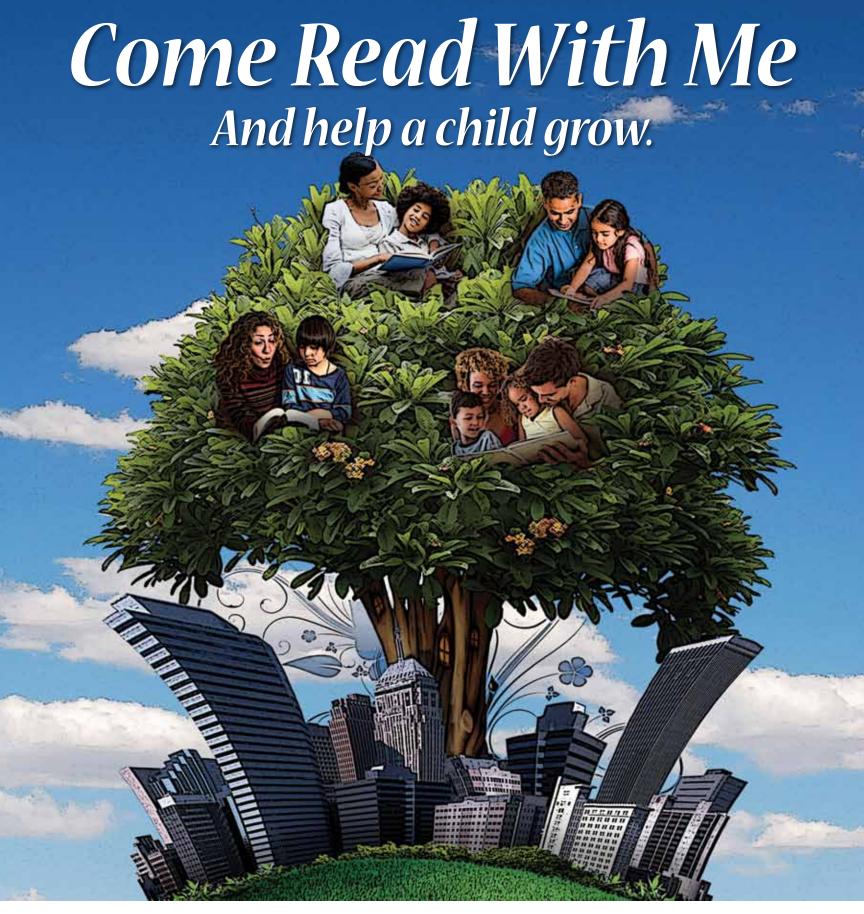
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Farmer's Tea May 11 | Wed | 2-4p

Come by, cool off and have a glass of tea and some refreshments. Browse our shelves for the latest books and find something you just have to read while you are relaxing.

Quilting and Sewing May 23 | Mon | 10a-4:30p Adults

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



Do you like children? Do you like to read? Do you want to make a difference in your community?

Then Come Read with Me is for you.

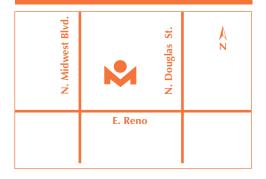
In a relaxed environment young people will grow when you read with them. After school and during the summers *Come Read with Me* partners with places that provide care for children.

Contact: Lynda Bahr • MLS Outreach Services 300 Park Ave. • (405) 606–3838 • Ibahr@metrolibrary.org





Midwest City Library HOURS



Tutoring May 2-28 | Library Hours Teens and kids

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

"Can't Stop!" America's Journey from the Slave House to the White House May 1-31 All ages

The Midwest City Library is pleased to again host an exhibit by local artist Eric Humphries during the month of May. "Can't Stop! America's Journey from the Slave House to the White House" is an eight canvas series that tracks the nearly 400 year quest for African American freedom, liberation, and equal rights through changes in religious beliefs, cultural identity, and creativity. Last year, the Library hosted Mr. Humphries' exhibit "Is the Whole World on Fire?," a provocative look at the 1921 Tulsa Race Riots. The exhibit is free and open to the public during all library hours.

Community Quilting with Soldier Creek Quilting Group May 2 | 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 (May 2, 9, 16, 23) 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. Cosponsor: Soldier Creek Quilting Group.

Whose Line Is It Anyway? May 2,9,16,23 | Mon 5:30-7p

Teens



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

Wii While You Wait May 3,10,17,24,31 | Tue | 9a-Noon All ages

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

Knit Wit Crochet Program May 3,17 | Tue | 10a-Noon All ages

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

Baby Sign Language May 3 | Tue | 6-7p Parents & caregivers of young children



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. Facilitated by Cheryl Custer and Tracy Goebel. Prer-egister: 425-4412. Cosponsor: OCCHD

Weaving With Donna Hilton May 4 | Wed | 6:30-8:30p Adults

Learn to weave with Donna Hilton at the Midwest City Library. Participants learn the beauty of weaving and create wonderful items. Space is limited and registration is required. This is a three week program; May 4, May 11 and May 18. For more information please contact the Information Desk at 405-732-4828

Bey Blade Metal Fusion Tournament May 6 | Fri | 4-5:30p Kids and teens

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

Free Comic Book Day May 7 | 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!

Tai Chi May 7 | Sat | 9-10:30a All ages

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

Alive @ 25 May 7 | Sat | 1-5p Teens & young adults

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

Children Reading to Dogs May 10,24 | Tue | 7-7:30p Children who can read



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

Midwest City Readers' Society May 17 | Tue | 10-11:30a **Adults**

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

Child Development Screenings May 18 | Wed | 1-5p Parents of young children



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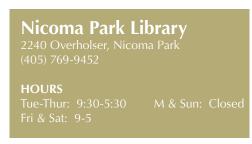
Guidance @ 405-425-4412. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City-County Heath Dept.

Motor Vehicle Crash Prevention Course May 21 | Sat | 9a-4p **Adults**

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

Chess Club May 28 | Sat | 11:30a-1p All ages

All ages are welcome to participate in the Midwest City Library Chess Club. No registration required.





Children Reading to Dogs May 5,19 | Thur 4-4:45p Ages 4 and older



Every 1st and 3rd Thursday afternoon from 4:00 - 4:45pm children improve their skills by reading to D'Leo and his owner, who are trained and certified as a therapy team by Therapy Dogs International. For more information call 769-9452.

Free Comic Book Day May 7 | Sat | 9a-5p Teens



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Lady Crafters May 20 | Fri | 10a-Noon Adults

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

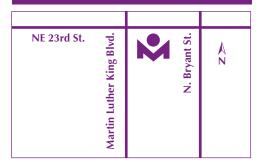
Ralph Ellison Library 2000 N.E. 23rd, OKC

(405) 424-1437

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5 Sun: Closed



Toastmasters May 4,11,18,25 | Wed | 6-8p Adults

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

Free Comic Book Day May 7 | Sat | 9a-5p **Teens**



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Scrabble Club May 7 | Sat | 2-4p Seniors

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

Ralph Ellison Adult Book Club May 9 | Mon | 6-7p All ages

Love to read and talk about books? Then the Ralph Ellison Adult Book Club may be a perfect fit for you! The book for May is The Innocent Man by John Grisham. Call 424-1437 or visit the library for more information or to reserve your copy of the book. Cosponsor: S.O.U.P.

Preschool Storytime May 10,24 | Tue | 10-10:30a Ages 3-5



Fun time with fingerplays, music, books &more.

Child Development Screenings May 10 | Tue | 1-5p Parents of young children



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Children Reading to Dogs May 14 | Sat | 11a-Noon Children who can read



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

Social Networking? What's That? May 14 | Sat | 2-3p Seniors

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

Toileting Triumph May 18 | Wed | 3:30-5p **Adults**



Toileting doesn't have to be a challenge. Come and discuss ways to make this exciting milestone more fun and rewarding for the whole family. Call 419-4164 for information. Cosponsor: OCCHD.

Law Day May 21 | Sat | 10a-1p All ages

Need some legal advice? Well thanks to the Oklahoma City Association of Black Lawyers, you can get advice for free. No appointment necessary. Come take advantage of this great opportunity. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City Association of Black Lawyers.

Saturday Soul Music May 21 | Sat | 2-4p All ages



Music, especially jazz, was important to the life of author Ralph Ellison. So Ralph Ellison Library found it appropriate to begin a new live music series. First in the series is jazz music with a professional saxophone player leading the way!

Disaster Preparedness Plus Citizen CPR May 21 | Tue | 2:30-4p **Adults**

Are you prepared for the next fire, tornado or other disaster? Learn how to be prepared for emergencies by joining a representative from the American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma in learning basic disaster preparedness skills as well as learning how to do "hands-only" CPR. Learn how to save a life! Registration required. Limit 20. Cosponsor: American Red Cross.

Spring Fling GameFest May 31 | Tue | 5:30-7p **Teens**



Are you ready to get your dance on? Come join us for a night of dancing fun playing games such as Dance Dance Revolution and Just Dance.

Southern Oaks Library 6900 S. Walker, OKC (405) 631-4468 **HOURS**



Children Reading to Dogs May 3 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p May 21 | Sat | 10-11a 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 & certified through Therapy Dogs International or HALO. Sign-up is required. Please call 631-4468 or visit the Information Desk.

Free Comic Book Day May 7 | Sat | 9a-5p **Teens**



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

HOURS



Introduction to Microsoft May 2,9,16,23 | 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. Evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Scheduled in 30 minute to one hour sessions per individual. Come in or call to make an appointment for your instruction time. Village Library (405) 755-0710.

Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me May 3,10,17,24 | Tue 10-11a Infants to age 4 w/parents

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

Children Reading to Dogs May 4,11,18,25 | Wed | 6-7p May 5,12,19,26 | 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 5,12,19,26 | Thur 10-10:30a **Ages 2-6**



Join Susan for musical fun and activities. Pre-registration is required, and registration will begin on April 11. Please call 755-0710 or stop by the Information Desk.

Parenting Style and Personality Type

May 5,12 | Thur | 6-8p Parents/caregiver of young



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? Do you make decisions with your head or with your heart? What is your parenting style? In this two session class, you will discover your personality type and how it affects your parenting style. 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 personality inventory. Please call 425-4412 to register. Cosponsor: OCCHD.

Village Chess Club May 6,13,20 | Fri | 4-5:30p All ages

The Village Chess Club meets almost every Friday and is for all ages and skill levels. Meetings consist of playing chess, and all materials and snacks are provided. Pre-registration is not required; call 755-0710 for more information.

Free Comic Book Day May 7 | Sat | 9a-5p **Teens**



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Special Friends of the Village Library: The Village Fair May 7 | Sat | 9a-4p All ages

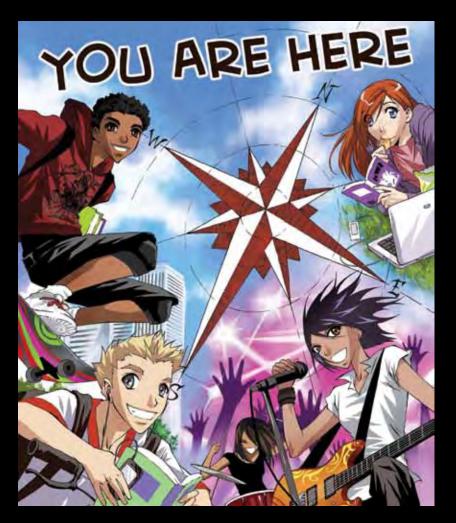


All ages are invited to enjoy entertaining shows, food and merchant vendors, Touch the Truck area, a group of clowns, face painting and much more. The Special Friends of the Village Library host the ninth annual Village Fair. Bring the whole family and come enjoy the festivities.

Baby Sign Language May 10 | Tue | 6-7p Parents & caregivers of babies younger than 22 mos



Baby Signs teaches communication before



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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. Facilitated by Child Guidance staff, Cheryl Custer and Tracy Goebel. Please call 425-4412 to register. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.

V-SIFT Ending of School Bash May 12 | Thur | 4-5p **Teens**



School is almost over for the year and summer is coming! Come to the library to relax, play games, listen to music, and limbo! V-SIFT (Village-Something Interesting For Teens) meets every second Thursday of the month with a new activity each month. To sign up this month, come to the Information Desk or call 755-0710.

LEGO Club May 13 | Fri | 1-3p All ages

Come have fun building with LEGOs!

Teen Summer Volunteer Training

May 14 | Sat | 2-3p May 19 | Thur | 7-8p



Teens wanting to volunteer at the Village Library during the summer reading program must submit a completed application and attend one of the trainings. Trainings are mandatory for volunteers. To sign up, please visit the information desk or call 755-0710.

Book Discussion Group May 16 | 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.

Using Photographs with Computers May 18 | Wed | 6:30-8p **Adults**



Free computer class for adults. Learn how to transfer pictures from ANY camera (not just a digital camera) to your computer and e-mail them to friends and family! Come in or call to sign up. Village Library (405) 755-0710.

Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County

May 19 | Thur | 3:30-5p The Village Library 10307 N. Penn, The Village 73120 405.755.0710

The public is welcome to attend.

Child Development Screening May 26 | Thur | 1-5p Birth 5 yrs w/parent



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Knitty Committee May 28 | Sat | 10a-Noon All ages

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





ESL Classes May 2,4,9,11,16,18 Mon & Wed | 5:30-8p Adults



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

Music Play Class with Ms. Susan May 3,17 | Tue 10:30-11a Ages 2 1/2 to 5 years

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

Child Guidance Screenings May 6 | Fri | 9a-Noon Ages birth to 5 years



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

Free Comic Book Day May 7 | Sat | 9a-5p



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Warr Acres Book Club May 9 | Mon | 11a-Noon **Adults**

We will discuss Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America by Barbara Ehrenreich. In an attempt to understand the lives of Americans earning near-minimum wage, the author works as a waitress in Florida, a cleaning woman in Maine, and a sales clerk in Minnesota. The Warr Acres Library Book Club meets the second Monday of each month.

Play Time for Babies and Tots May 11,18,25 | Wed 9:15-10a and 10:30-11:15a Ages 8-30 months



Play promotes healthy development and learning, so bring your youngster to our library for 45 minutes of toys followed by music and stories. (Siblings are welcome) Preregister at 721-2616.

Children Reading to Dogs May 12 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p Ages 6 years and older



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

Sundaes on Saturday May 14 | Sat | 2-3p Ages 12 -17



Come on in and enjoy ice cream and board games with us! Please call ahead to register 721-2616.

LEGO Club @ Your Library May 17 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p Ages 6-11

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

Video Game Night May 19 | Thur | 6:30-8p Ages 12-17



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

Pajama Story Time May 24 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p Ages 2 1/2 -6 years



Celebrate birthdays and books with Miss Alma and her puppets. Games, prizes, cake and healthy snacks for everyone. Please call

to pre-register and let us know of your child's eating limitations.

Wright Library 2101 Exchange, OKC

HOURS

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	Exchange Ave.		
	S.W. 15th St.		

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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.

Campbell, Stu. Let It Rot! The Gardener's Guide to Composting, 3rd ed. 631.875/C19113

Pleasant, Barbara and Deborah L. Martin. The Complete Compost Gardening Guide: Banner Batches, Grow Heaps, Comforter Compost, and Other Amazing Techniques for Saving Time and Money, and Producing the Most Flavorful, Nutritious Vegetables Ever.
631.875/P7241c

Did you see the news story last March about the Seattle Mariners baseball team giving away compost to its fans as a way of saying "Thank you very mulch for your support"? Okay, that joke may belong in a compost pile, but since the fertilizer door prize in Seattle was made from trash left behind at baseball games—food waste, packaging material, etc.—it was a way to remind fans that even garbage can be re-cycled and something good can grow from it.

Take a look at these, and other MLS books on the fine art of composting and maybe you, too, can find a good use for that spilled popcorn, those uneaten hotdog bun ends, and soggy nachos. Note, though, that there is never any leftover Cracker Jack. *Never*.



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BETHANY 3510 N. Mueller, Bethany, 789-8363	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	_
CAPITOL HILL 334 S.W. 26th, OKC, 634-6308	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	_
CHOCTAW 2525 Muzzy Street, Choctaw, 390-8418	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	_
DEL CITY 4509 S.E. 15th, Del City, 672-1377	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	_
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MIDWEST CITY 8143 E. Reno, MWC, 732-4828	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
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SOUTHERN OAKS** 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 Southern Oaks location at 6900 S. Walker will close on April 4, 2011 for renovation. A temporary location at 2914 S.W. 59th will open on April 25th.

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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	

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