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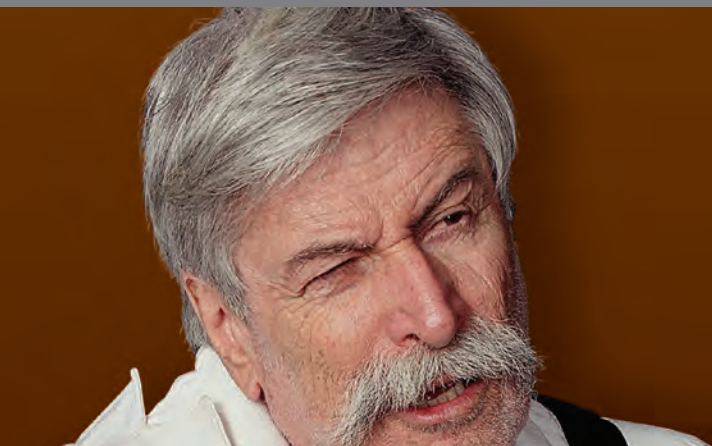
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From Bob Wills to The Flaming Lips; from Clarence Nash (the voice of Donald Duck) to James Marsden (Cyclops in the X-Men movies); from Bud Wilkinson to Bill Goldberg, Oklahoma has been home to some of America's most famous and flamboyant personalities.

This issue of *info* is dedicated to the characters and oddball occurrences in our state's history.

Did you know, for instance, that on June 15, 1957, a Plymouth Belvedere Sport Coupe was loaded with artifacts of interest and buried in downtown Tulsa under the sidewalk in front of the Tulsa County Courthouse?

Did you know that the only city in the continental United States to be bombed during World War II was in Oklahoma? It was Boise City and the attack on July 5, 1943, was purely accidental. Fortunately, the bombs dropped from that B-17 were practice dummies so no one was hurt and damage was minimal.

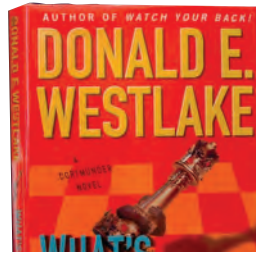
Oklahoma history . . . you gotta love it.

And you'll love what your Metropolitan Library System has lined up in its sites for you in October. We're locked on target and ready to go!





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Celebrate the Freedom to Read

BANNED BOOKS WEEK

Shirley and Wayne Wiegand present
Books on Trial: Red Scare in the Heartland

Hear the authors tell the story of four Oklahoma City book store proprietors put on trial... not for anything they said or did, but for what was in the books they sold.

- **September 30**
Downtown Library, 3:30p
- **October 1**
Choctaw Library, 6:30p
- **October 2**
Southern Oaks Library, 6:30p
- **October 2**
Edmond Library, 6:30p





Oklahoma Images

TRUTH OR LEGEND . . .

by Larry Johnson



In 1930, this bronze equestrian statue was installed on the south steps of the Oklahoma State Capitol and from there leaped into

one of the many curious legends in state history.

Constance Whitney Warren had a penchant for statues like these and, after marrying a blueblood French count, she sculpted a number of them in her Paris studio. There's even a similar one at Austin's capitol. Personally, I think she figured out a neat way to sculpt the texture of the woolly chaps and just kind of ran with the idea.

From here on out, mysteries and curiosities shroud the thing from the prickly pears to the horse's mane. First of these is the question of the statue's name. A close examination of the bronze plate affixed to the base does not give a formal name, but says, "This bronze tribute to the romantic riders of the range was unveiled under the direction of Governor W. J. Holloway and Oklahoma's own, Will Rogers...on May 30, 1930." For a long time it was referred to as "the cowboy statue", but is now known officially as "Tribute to Range Riders." Apparently, they're no longer romantic.

There's another problem with that plate – Will Rogers was nowhere near that statue in May, 1930. He had a scheduling conflict and before new arrangements could be made, fiery "Alfalfa Bill" Murray had become governor. Murray ordered a tarp placed over the statue and when it went missing, he had it replaced and padlocked with a sign that offered a reward for the arrest of anyone caught removing the tarp – "except Will Rogers." In one of his daily newspaper columns in June 1931, Will joked that a cyclone had blown it to Murray's house in Tishomingo whereupon "Alfalfa Bill" used it for bedclothes.

All of the above we know for sure, but the oft-repeated legend is that the statue went undedicated because Murray bore a grudge against Rogers after the latter supported Franklin D. Roosevelt in the 1932 presidential election. I'm not buying it.

For starters, there's more evidence the two got along than that they didn't. Murray and Clem Rogers (Will's father) were old

friends and Will grew up with some admiration for "Alfalfa Bill". Murray always referred to Will as "Bill Rogers," a term reserved for friends and family. Although Governor Murray was the butt of a lot of Will's jokes, the two men often dined together when Rogers was in town and both partnered to provide relief to drought-stricken farmers and Okie refugees. Rogers was even made an honorary "colonel" in Murray's administration. I've read Murray's *Memoirs* and Rogers' *Papers* and each has nothing but kind words for the other.

As to the supposed grudge, it's true that Murray was a hothead and that he openly despised Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal, but there's no evidence he transferred that to Will Rogers. In fact, during the 1932 Democratic Convention, Murray gave all of Oklahoma's votes to Rogers by way of nominating him for president. Rogers, of course, refused and on the final ballot, it was "Alfalfa Bill" himself who gave Oklahoma's votes to Roosevelt. Remember, this all happened two years after the statue was to be dedicated.

I think that "Alfalfa Bill" Murray and Will Rogers were two very busy men with no time in their schedules to dedicate a statue of a cowboy made by a New York-born French countess. After the fateful crash that took Rogers' life in 1935, it became a moot point.

Aww, heck! Forget I said anything. I like the legendary clash of Oklahoma titans better anyway.

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



The Dim Sum of All Things

by Kim Wong Keltner



Reviewed by Jill Vessels

Have you ever wondered:

- Why Asians love “Hello Kitty”?
- What the tattooed Chinese characters really say?
- How to achieve feng shui for optimum make-out sessions?
- Where Asian cuties meet the white guys who love them?

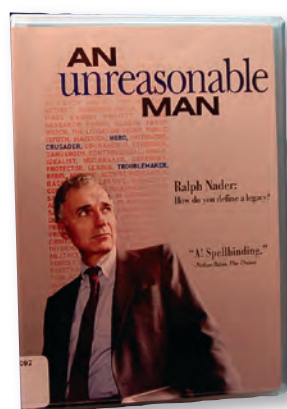
Then you’ll laugh, you’ll cry, you’ll realize this book is better than a Broadway production of “Cats” when you read scenes that include:

- 20-something Lindsey Owyang mastering the intricacies of office voicemail and fax dialing,
- an authentic Chinese banquet where Number One Son shows off his language skills by speaking “Chinglish”,
- dating disasters with grandsons of Grandma’s mahjong partners,
- discovering that the real China looks nothing like the pavilion at Disney World

And all the while Lindsey is falling in lust with the “white devil” in her politically correct office. But will Grandma’s stinky Chinese ointments send him running? Or will Lindsey realize that the path to true love lies somewhere between the dim sum and the pepperoni pizza?

To dim sum it up, I found this book appetizing, fresh, and sassy . . . the perfect summer read.

When Jill Vessels isn’t working in the Cataloging department of the Metropolitan Library System, this gray-haired granny of four contemplates the nature of zombies, why some serial killers are so drop-dead gorgeous, and how many licks it takes to get to the center of a tootsie pop.



An Unreasonable Man



reviewed by Marilyn Backus

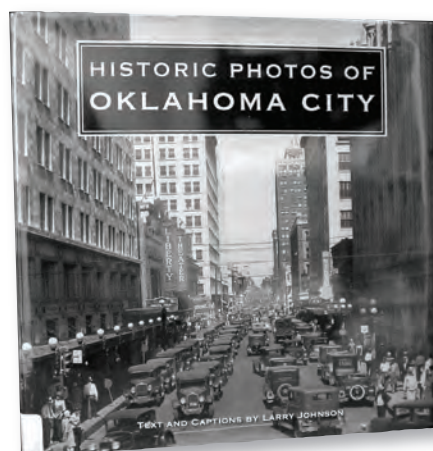
“The reasonable man adapts himself to the conditions that surround him... The unreasonable man adapts surrounding conditions to himself... All progress depends on the unreasonable man.” --George Bernard Shaw

So begins the new documentary about Ralph Nader and his rollercoaster legacy. An iconic figure in the 1960s who invented the concept of consumer protection, he has now offended almost everyone. Corporations fear him because his consumer-protection crusades eat into their profits. Republicans hate him for attacking the corporations. And now, since the year 2000, Democrats resent him for losing them the last two elections.

Hero to some, troublemaker to the rest, Nader considers himself a professional American citizen and has trouble comprehending why the rest of us don’t take that job as seriously as he does. A cast of familiar and unfamiliar fans and foes scrutinize his past and his motives. Is he an egomaniac? What’s in it for him? Why didn’t he throw his support behind Gore in 2000 when he knew he couldn’t win the presidential election on the Green Party ticket? Why wasn’t he allowed to debate, and what good are third parties anyway?

Nader’s idealism is definitely controversial, but this documentary also shines surprising light into the dark corners of our American political machine. Fascinating.

Marilyn Backus has worked for the Metropolitan Library System for over 20 years. She currently works in the Materials Selection department and selects many of the great non-fiction titles and features films that you can check out at the library.



Historic Photos of Oklahoma City

by Larry Johnson

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ON THE SHELF

reviewed by Jana Hausburg

Looking for a way to celebrate Oklahoma's centennial? Wanting to get a little more familiar with Oklahoma City history? Curious about those notorious street jogs in the downtown area? Pick up a copy of *Historic Photos of Oklahoma City* and feast on a collection of photographs ranging from the Land Run of 1889 through the postwar era and beyond.

In the interest of full disclosure, Larry Johnson is a reference librarian for the Metropolitan Library System and maintains the Oklahoma Collection, the Oklahoma Images Project, and the author of *info* magazine's monthly feature article *Oklahoma Images*. He is also a buddy of mine. Regardless, his new book views the birth of Oklahoma City through the lens of a camera. The result of countless hours of research, it features a collection of historic black and white photographs recording moments in time that shaped the development of the capitol city.

Some highlights:

- Two townsite companies feuded over

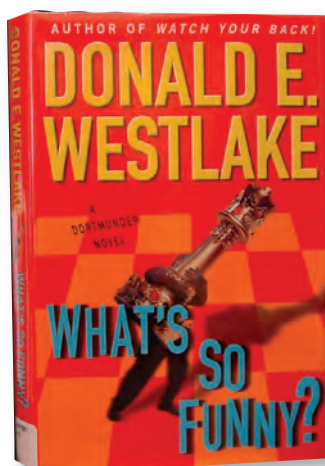
accurately surveying the townsite, resulting in strangely aligned streets

- A treeless field greeted Sooners and Boomers as they rushed in with their tents, horses and cattle to start claiming their townsites
- An early photo of a May, 1896 tornado, described as a "twisting serpent-like cloud"
- Horse racing at the first state fair in 1907
- Charlton Heston participating in a civil rights march

As much as I like looking at old photographs of buildings and landscapes, my favorite shots are of people, like the one of the conductor on page 79, poised on the steps of a trolley. He's grinning from ear to ear. What was his name? How did he get to Oklahoma? Where did he live? What was his story?

Such is the power of a photograph.

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



What's So Funny?

by Donald E. Westlake

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ON THE SHELF

reviewed by Marilyn Backus

Dortmunder's predicament is what's so funny. Blackmailed into stealing a jewel-encrusted gold chess set (think Fabergé), Dortmunder again pulls together his band of kooky, good-hearted thieves. Again the gang doesn't disappoint, coming up with a brilliant plan, then predictably blowing the job. But it's *how* they blow the job that is always entertaining.

Justice is served up with hilarious irony in the last chapter. But skipping ahead will only deprive the reader of getting to know some great characters, all of them chasing a treasure created for the last Russian czar but never delivered since he was executed before it reached him. Snatched instead by some

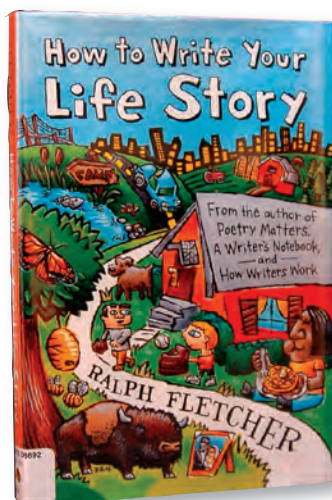
American soldiers, the chess set disappeared for decades due to the chicanery of a double-crosser in their midst. But even after the treasure is found, it is so well protected that it would be impossible to steal. Or would it? Dortmunder always finds a way. And while his talents are grudgingly admirable, his spectacular failures are oh so satisfying.

Westlake's Dortmunder novels can be read out of order and still be enjoyed (a good thing since he has been at this for decades, and some of my favorites are no longer available). But this latest in the series is one of his best. If you like it, try *Good Behavior* next, still available after 22 years.



Reviews & Recommendations

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How to Write Your Life Story by Ralph Fletcher

reviewed by Phyllis Davidson

“How to Write your Life Story,” by Ralph Fletcher, presents an interesting and entertaining introduction to writing about the most important people in the world—yourself and your family. You can get additional ideas from larger books, but this little book, written for young people, covers the most important points about writing an autobiography.

It debunks a few common lies that people use to convince themselves they don’t have a story worth telling—that you have to be a famous celebrity, have an amazing life, or be old and gray.

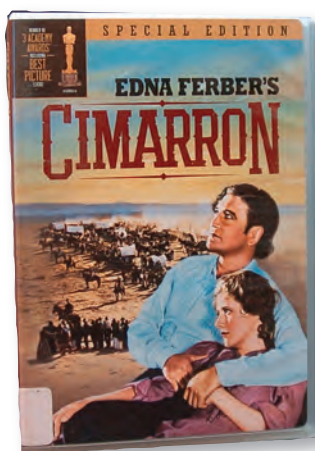
You already have everything you need to start writing: a character (yourself), a setting (places you have been), and a plot (the events that happened to you). Fletcher recommends making a list of memorable events and then writing about the ones that seem most interesting. These events will probably be the ones that are told and retold every time the family gets together.

He suggests gathering up the artifacts that have soaked up your personal memories and holding them in your hands until the memory rises to the top. Drawing maps of important places in your life, and a heart map of the things that really matter to you, will help you uncover the treasured and terrible tales you want to tell.

Whether you choose to write a group of vignettes, a chronology, or a multi-genre collection of short pieces, you can always switch to another form until it feels well-suited to the story you’re trying to tell. The most important message in the book is that writing about your life will help you understand it better. So, read the book and start writing.

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.

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ON THE SHELF



Cimarron reviewed by Doug Bentin

As our centennial year begins gearing down I thought I’d take a look at a movie that explores what it took to carve a state out of some pretty wild country.

The movie is *Cimarron*, released in 1931 and based on the 1929 bestseller by Edna Ferber. Richard Dix stars as Yancy Cravat, based on the real life Temple Houston, son of Sam Houston. Temple was a lawyer in Woodward, OK, from 1894 to his death in 1905, and a couple of moments in the movie draw on Temple’s court room style. The always luminous Irene Dunne co-stars as Yancy’s wife, Sabra.

Much of the characterization, plot, and background are drawn from times that had passed only 40 years before the film was made. The filming of *Cimarron* is much closer in time to the great Oklahoma Land Run of 1889 than it is to us today and most of the pleasure the movie delivers is due to its authenticity.

The early scenes in the city of Osage are fascinating in their depiction of the noise, confusion and crowded conditions. We meet many of the human types who made the run—good guys and bad guys—but most prominently for dramatic purposes a Jewish peddler, a stammering printer’s devil, and a young African-American boy.

The movie lets us know that yonderin’ fellas like Yancy, who took their brains and skills from one frontier outpost to the next, were what the west needed if it ever hoped to settle down. The tragedy for Yancy and others like him was that they couldn’t feel at home when civilization did grow roots, and they were doomed from the start to run out of room and out of time.

Doug Bentin appears weekly on the MLS TV program “Read About It.” Check out his movie reviews in The Oklahoma Gazette, and his blog, The Long Saturday of the Soul, at <http://longsaturday.blogspot.com/>

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Tuesday, Oct. 16, 6pm: Ralph Ellison Library

Saturday, Oct. 20, 2pm: Warr Acres Library

Tuesday, Oct. 23, 6pm: Midwest City Library

Drawing with Bryan Dahlvang

Thursday, Oct. 4, 6:30pm: The Village Library

Saturday, Oct. 6, 2pm: Belle Isle Library

Monday, Oct. 22, 7pm: Southern Oaks Library

Thursday, Oct. 25, 6pm: Del City Library

Saturday, Oct. 27, 2pm: Bethany Library



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Oklahoma History Steals the Spotlight in October

by Doug Bentin

Some people—actually, a lot of people—thought she was crazier than a caffeinated squirrel and she did herself no favors when she described herself as “a bulldog running along at the feet of Jesus, barking at what He doesn’t like.”

She was temperance crusader Carry A. Nation and when she rampaged lickety-bump through saloons, smashing beer kegs and whiskey bottles, she did more damage with a hatchet than even Lizzie Borden.

Nation moved to Oklahoma in 1905 and agitated for a dry constitution—and she got one. You can drive by the field in Dewey Co., west of Seiling on U.S. 183, where she and her husband homesteaded, but you can learn more about Nation by visiting the Edmond Library on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 2:00 to 2:45pm when Erma Stewart becomes Carry Nation right before your eyes. The presentation is for audiences aged 10 and older. The program will be followed by light refreshments, and no pre-registration is necessary.

And Carry Nation isn’t the only Oklahoma character to be paying visits to Metropolitan Library System sites in October. One of the state’s most colorful personalities moved to Tishomingo at the age of 29 to practice law, and he then went on to become the first Speaker of the Oklahoma House and the state’s fourth governor.

Join local re-enactor John Hinkle as he presents the fiery life and times of William H. “Alfalfa Bill” Murray at libraries around the system. See the sidebar for a complete schedule of performances. Hinkle says that “To say Alfalfa Bill was colorful is an enormous understatement. Oklahomans either loved him or hated him. He is hero / villain, he is good / evil. I think that he is worthy of a Shakespeare play because he’s so complex.”

If Carry Nation and Alfalfa Bill Murray were all too real and bring out the historian in you, other elements of Oklahoma history are fabulous and creepy, and can generate a slight chill down your spine.

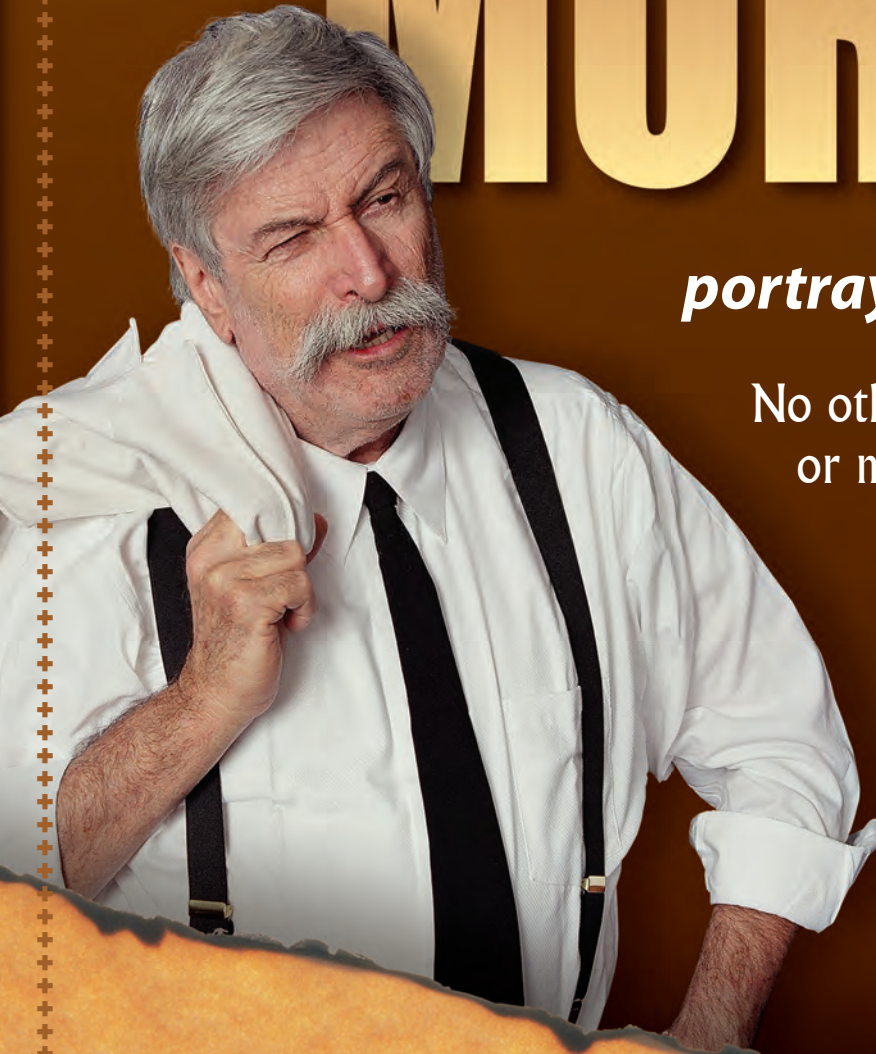
If that kind of history is more to your liking, check out author David A. Farris’ program, “Mysterious Oklahoma.” Farris has spent many years collecting and collating Oklahoma tales of ghosts, alien visitations and assorted spook stories, and publishing them in the books *Mysterious Oklahoma*, *More Mysterious Oklahoma*, and *Oklahoma Outlaw Tales*.

His presentation, at the Edmond Library on Oct. 23 from 7:00 to 8:00pm, is designed for adults and is a great way to usher in the week before Halloween. You can pre-register for this one by calling 341-9282.

And, if a good old fashioned singalong is what you’re croonin’ for, then swing by Edmond Library on Oct. 13 to watch and singalong with, “Ado Annie”, “Curly”, “Laurey”, and “Will” and the gang.

So whatever your taste in Oklahoma history—from the credible to the incredible—MLS has got you covered in October.

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– John Hinkle

9/30 - Downtown Library, 2pm
10/1 - Edmond Library, 7pm
10/3 - Luther Library, 3:15pm
10/3 - Del City Library, 6:30pm
10/4 - Capitol Hill Library, 1pm
10/6 - Choctaw Library, 2pm
10/7 - Belle Isle Library, 2pm
10/9 - Warr Acres Library, 7pm
10/11 - Bethany Library, 6:30pm
10/12 - Village Library, 10:30am
10/13 - Southern Oaks Library 2pm
10/14- Midwest City Library, 2pm

Ages: Junior High to Adults

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



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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All Metropolitan Library System libraries will be closed Monday, October 8 for Staff Development Day.

Belle Isle Library

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

HOURS

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



English as a Second Language

Oct 2,4,9,11,16,18,23,25,30

Tue & Thur | 9:30a-Noon

Adults



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

Tools For Effective Parenting

Oct 4,11,18 | Thur

5-6:15p

Ages 1 month-5 years



Have your child screened for personal-social skills, language development, & fine/gross motor skills. It's a great time to ask a professional about your child's development. Screenings last for about an hour. Call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to schedule your screening. Co-sponsor: OKC/County Health Dept.

Score Small Business Counseling

Oct 6,20 | 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.

Drawing with

Bryan Dahlvang

Oct 6 | Sat | 2-3p

Teens



Teens

Join artist Bryan Dahlvang as he teaches cartooning and other drawing techniques. Bryan's artistic exercises will help you loosen your mind so you can enjoy drawing just for the fun of it!

"Alfalfa Bill" Murray as

portrayed by John Hinkle

Oct 7 | Sun | 2-3p

Junior High - Adults



No other single individual is more colorful or more controversial in past Oklahoma politics than Oklahoma Governor "Alfalfa Bill" William H. Murray. Please see page 10 for more information.

Child Guidance Consultation

Oct 11 | Thur | 9:30a-4p

Ages 1 month-5 years



Have your child screened for personal-social skills, language development, and fine/gross motor skills. It's a great time to ask a professional about your child's development. Screenings last approximately an hour. Please call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to schedule your screening. Co-sponsor: OKC/County Health Dept.

Metro OKC Knit Guild Group

Oct 21 | Sun | 3-5p

Teens & Adults

The Metro OKC Knit Guild group meets at Belle Isle Library. Everyone—any knitter or person who's never knitted, but would like to learn—is welcome. Each monthly program includes a lesson of a new knitting technique and examples of charity knitting projects. October's lesson is "Mosaic Knitting." For questions about the group, e-mail the guild at metrookcknitguild@cox.net. or call 812-4770. Please sign up at the Reference Desk for the meeting.

Trees and Their Care from the

Oklahoma Forestry Service

Oct 18 | Thur | 7-8p

All Ages

Winter will be here before you know it. Learn now about the trees of Oklahoma and how to prepare them for winter. Alanna McFarland from the State of Oklahoma Forestry Service will present this workshop. Sign up at the Belle Isle Reference Desk.

Happy Halloween

Oct 31 | Wed | 10-11a

Pre-kindergarten



Hear stories about Halloween. Playtime will follow in children's room. Pre-register with Belle Isle Reference Desk or call 843-9601.



Bethany Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Oklahoma Voices

Oct 2 | Tue | 9a-4:30p and

Oct 4 | Thur | 1-8:30p and

Oct 6 | Sat | 9a-4:30p

All Ages

Interview someone you love. Talk to a Neighbor. Discuss a significant moment. Leave a legacy. Please see page 20 for details.

Toddler Story & Play Time

Oct 4,11,18 | Thur

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

Ages 2-3

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.



The Children's Hour: Evening Story Time

Oct 9 | Tue | 6:30-7p

Ages 3-8

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



"Alfalfa Bill" Murray as portrayed by John Hinkle

Oct 11 | Thur

6:30-7:30p

Junior High - Adults

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Native American Basket Weaving for Children

Oct 13 | Sat | 10a-Noon

Grades 3-6

Learn to make a Native American basket with

teacher Sydna Yellowfish. Take home a basket you made yourself! Sign up at the library Information Desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.

Parenting with Style

Oct 16,23 | Tue | 1:30-3p

Adults

In this three session class, you will discover your personality type and how it affects your parenting style. You will complete a personality inventory and receive a copy of the book *MotherStyles-Using Personality Type to Discover Your Parenting Strengths*. The second and third sessions are Oct. 23 and Nov. 6. A fee of \$15 covers the cost of the book and personality inventory. Please pre-register at 425-4412. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.



Preparing for College

Oct 16 | Tue | 7-8p

Adults and Teens

Don't know where to begin in the college process? A Rose State College staff member will provide insight into the process of where to begin your college career. Topics include admission, testing, class schedule options, enrollment, financial aid, scholarships, campus visits, concurrent enrollment and degree plans. Adults, parents and teens bring your questions and concerns. Co-sponsor: Rose State College.

Child Guidance Consultation

Oct 19 | Fri | 9a-4p

Ages 1 month-5 years

Come have your young child screened for personal-social skills, language development and fine/gross motor skill. Ask professionals questions about your child's development. Screenings last about one hour. Provided by the Oklahoma City-County Health Dept. Call to schedule your free, one-on-one screening at 425-4412.



Family Place:

1-2-3 Play with Me

Oct 25 | Thur | 10-11a

10 Months - 3 1/2 Years

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Drawing with Bryan Dahlvang

Oct 27 | Sat | 2-3p

Teens

Join artist Bryan Dahlvang as he teaches cartooning and other drawing techniques. Bryan's artistic exercises will help you loosen your mind so you can enjoy drawing just for the fun of it! Pre-register at the Information Desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.



Little Jack-O-Lantern's Halloween

Oct 31 | Wed | 10-10:45a

Ages 3-6

Come dressed in your favorite costume and enjoy a Halloween story, songs and rhymes, a Halloween craft and a tasty treat! Costume optional. Pre-registration required. Sign up at the Information Desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.



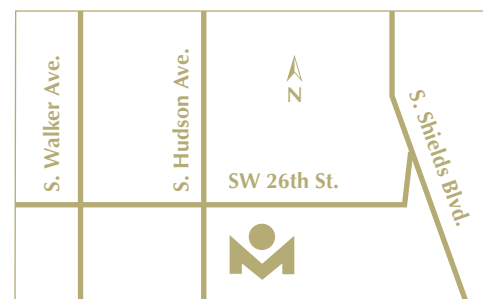
Capitol Hill Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



"Alfalfa Bill" Murray as Portrayed by John Hinkle

Oct 4 | Thur | 1-2p

Junior High - Adults

No other single individual is more colorful or more controversial in past Oklahoma politics than Oklahoma Governor "Alfalfa Bill" William H. Murray. Please see page 10 for more information.



Oklahoma Voices

Oct 16 | Tue | 9a-4:30p and

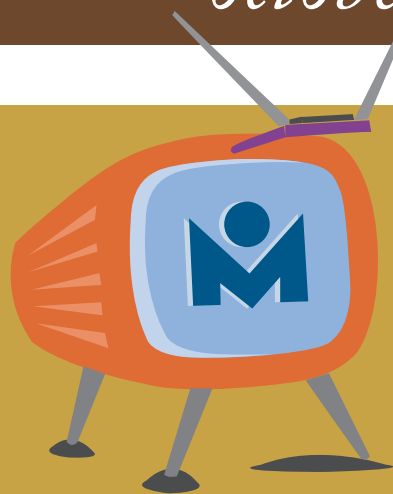
Oct 18 | Thur | 1-8:30p and

Oct 20 | Sat | 9a-4:30p

All Ages

Interview someone you love. Talk to a Neighbor. Discuss a significant moment. Leave a legacy. Please see page 20 for details.

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Read About It

Discussions with Authors & Book Reviews

TIMES

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

Cox Channel 7
Oklahoma City-Norman

Cox Channel 3
Tulsa, Okmulgee, Henryetta & Muskogee

Cox Channel 29
Cushing Drumright, Enid & Stillwater

OKLAHOMA CITY— A children's book, the Neustadt Prize and Nichols Hills are subjects featured on 'Read About It,' the cable TV show brought to you by the Metropolitan Library System. This month, hostess B.J. Williams will welcome the following guests.

October 1 Bob Burke, inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, has also received the Oklahoma Center for the Book's Arrell Gibson Lifetime Achievement Award.

October 8 Shirley and Wayne Weigand, both professors, will discuss *Books on Trial: Red Scare in the Heartland*.

Guests and program schedules are subject to change without notice.

October 15 Stacy Nyikos, award-winning musician, poet, and author, will discuss the children's books she has written that have a fishy slant.

October 22 Larry "Buddy" Johnson, librarian with the Metropolitan Library System and author of the Oklahoma Moments for "Read About It," will discuss *Historic Oklahoma Moments*.

October 29 Frank Deford, a senior contributing writer for Sports Illustrated, correspondent for HBO's Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel, and a regular commentator for National Public Radio's Morning Edition, will discuss *The Entitled*, a story of baseball celebrity and scandal.

Capitol Library continued.

Pioneer Cooking

Oct 23 | Tue | 6-7p

All Ages

Come learn how pioneers cooked on the frontier! Conservation and environmental educator Luann Waters will tell about pioneer food history, prairie cooking, and provide examples of pioneer cooking tools. Pre-register at 634-6308.

Fall Arts & Crafts

Oct 27 | Sat | 1-2:30p

Ages 6-16

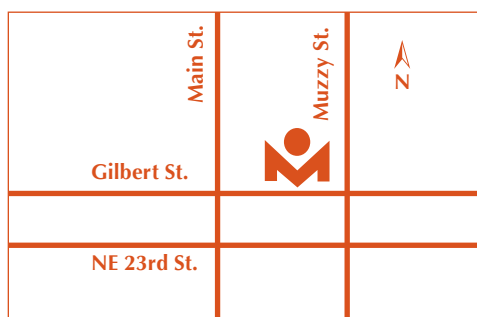
Come celebrate fall with an afternoon of crafts. Make your own fall wreath or decorate a gourd with artist John Hernandez.

Choctaw Library

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

HOURS

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



speech pathology. Each child must be accompanied by a parent and/or legal guardian. Screenings are by appointment only and take approximately 1 hour. Screenings are facilitated by Oklahoma City County Health Department Staff. Pre-registration is required. Please call 425-4412 to pre-register.

Conversational Spanish

Oct 1,15,22,29 | Mon

4-5p

Adults

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



Conversational Spanish for Intermediate and Advanced

Oct 1,15,22,29 | Mon

5-6 p

Adults

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



Child Guidance Consultation

Oct 1 | Mon

9:30a-3:30p

Ages Birth-5 years

This is a great opportunity to book a free one-on-one screening for your preschooler with child development specialists. Parents are encouraged to bring any questions they would like to ask professionals in the area of child development, behavioral health, and



**Books on Trial: Red Scare
In the Heartland**

Oct 1 | Mon

6:30-7:30p

Adults



Woody Guthrie, Eleanor Roosevelt and many others protested an event that happened in Oklahoma City in the 1940s. Join us for this "Spotlight on OK History". Learn about this little known part of our city's history. The speaker, Wayne Wiegand, will tell the story of what happened when four book store proprietors in Oklahoma City were put on trial not for anything they said or did but for what was in the books they sold. A thought provoking story to highlight the questions around banned books. Mr. Wiegand is director of American Studies at the Florida State University and bases his lecture on research done for his book, *Books On Trial: Red Scare in the Heartland*.

Lapsit Story Time

Oct 2,9,16,23 | 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

Oct 2,9,16,23 | Tue

10:30-11a

Ages 3-5 years



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

Tai Chi With Chris Francis:

Beginners Group

Oct 3,10,17,24 | Wed | 5:30-6:15p

Adults

T'ai Chi Chuan is a martial arts therapy that promotes health and longevity. It is a soft style art using as complete a relaxation or "softness" in the musculature as possible. 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.

Tai Chi With Chris Francis:

Intermediate & Advanced Group

Oct 3,10,17,24 | Wed | 6:30-7:30p

Adults

T'ai Chi Chuan is a martial arts therapy that promotes health and longevity. Please see complete description above.

Family Place:

1-2-3 Play with Me

Oct 5,12,19,26 | Fri

10-11a

10 Months - 3 1/2 Years



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**"Alfalfa Bill" Murray as
Portrayed by John Hinkle**

Oct 6 | Sat | 2-3p

Junior High - Adults



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LOL: Improv w/OU Improv

Oct 11 | Thur | 6-6:45p

Teens



LOL :-D with OU Improv, a group of OU students who perform improv at the University and in the community. This workshop and performance will show you techniques used by improv actors on shows like *Whose Line Is It Anyway*. An informal and fun experience for those wanting to try improv, learn a new acting skill, or just laugh away an hour.

Teen Advisory Board

Oct 11 | Thur | 6-7p

Grades 7-12



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

Family Place Open Play

Oct 13 | Sat | 10-11a

6 months to 5 years

with parent



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

Civil War: Basic Infantry

Oct 16 | Tue | 6-7p

All Ages



Choctaw resident Lynn Shackelford, Civil War aficionado and re-enactor will lead this history seminar on the Civil War: Basic Infantry. Lynn is a docent with the Oklahoma History Center and participates in Civil War re-enactments throughout the state. Attendance letter for social studies credit will be awarded to students completing attendance requirement. Pre-registration required. Co-sponsor: Eastern Oklahoma County Tech Center.

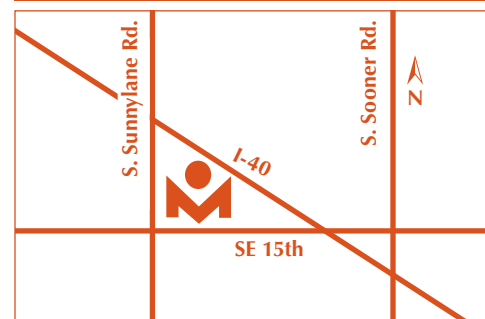
Del City Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Basic Computer Training

Oct 2,23 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

Oct 5,19 | Fri | 2-3p

All Ages



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

**"Alfalfa Bill" Murray as
Portrayed by John Hinkle**

Oct 3 | Wed

6:30-7:30p

Junior High - Adults



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Del City Library continued.

Play Time

Oct 11 | Thur | 10-11a
Ages 6 months- 3 years

Young children will enjoy playing at the library! Del City firemen will share fire safety tips with the parents and caregivers. Del City Library provides toys!



Free Flu Shots

Oct 12 | Fri | 9:30a-2:30p
All Ages

Generation Health Care will be at the Del City Library providing free flu shots!

Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County

Oct 18 | Thur | 3:30-5p

Del City Library
4509 S.E. 15th
Del City, OK 73115
405.672.1377

The public is welcome to attend.



Story Time Aerobics

Oct 18 | Thur | 6:30-7p
Ages 1-5 years

Young children and their parents/caregivers will enjoy movement and fun! A short story time follows the aerobics.



Celebrating the Oklahoma Centennial: Oklahoma Inventors Story Time

Oct 23 | Tue | 6:30-7:15p
Ages 4-8

Del City Library continues Celebrating the Oklahoma Centennial with stories about nature in Oklahoma. There will be fun activities, too!



Health Seminar

Oct 24 | Wed | 10:30-11:30a and 1:30-2:30p
Adults

Generation Health Care is coming to the Del City Library to provide a free health seminar. Please join us.

Drawing with Bryan Dahlvang

Oct 25 | Thur | 6-7p
Teens

Join artist Bryan Dahlvang as he teaches cartooning and other drawing techniques. Bryan's artistic exercises will help you loosen your mind so you can enjoy drawing just for the fun of it!



Slimey Goo

Oct 27 | Sat | 2-2:45p
Ages 6-12

Dr. Brad Jackson, retired Rose State College Chemistry Professor, returns to Del City Library for Slimy Goo fun! Under the guidance of Dr. Jackson, children will make their own Slimy Goo. Come for fun and education!

Vegan Cooking

Oct 30 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p
Adults

Do you like tasty and healthy food? Join amateur chef and librarian, Sam Weehunt, for some tasty vegan food and recipes. Sam is not a practicing vegan, but he has discovered many vegan dishes are delicious and wants to share them. Call 672-1377 to pre-register.

Halloween Story Time

Oct 31 | Wed | 10-10:30p
Ages 1-5

Halloween stories and activities is fun for all! Children are invited to wear their Halloween costumes and join in the Annual Monster March at the end of Story Time!

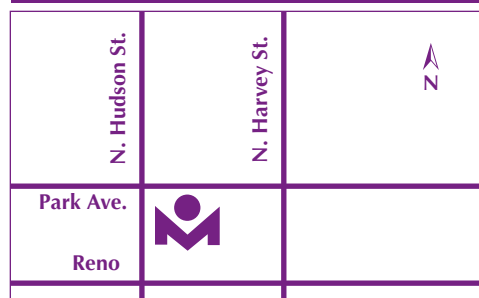


Downtown Library

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

HOURS

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



Learn Origami with a Master

Oct 1,15,22,29 | Mon | 6-8p
Adults

A class in the art of Origami will be taught by Abraham Henson on four Monday evenings in October. Mr. Henson is an enthusiastic artist and historian for this art form. He has 17 years of study and work with this ancient art of paper folding. Beginning supplies will be provided. Class instruction is sequential so plan to attend all four sessions held in the Jim Thorpe conference room on 2nd floor of the Downtown Library. Class size is limited and registration is required by calling 606-3879.

Learn Historical Dances

Oct 2,9,16,23 | Tue | 6:30-8:30p
Ages 10 and Older

Celebrate Oklahoma's Centennial by Learning the historical dances of 100 years ago. Also find out the proper etiquette a gentleman and lady would have observed in their social gatherings and get a glimpse of their beautiful fashions. All this in a four session class held in the Friends' Event Room and taught by historian and dance instructor, Stephanie Kotzum. Class size is limited and open to ages 10 and older. Partners are ok but not necessary. Registration is required at 606-3879.

Tools For Effective Parenting:

Brown Bag Workshop

Oct 3,10,17,24 | Wed
Noon-1p

Parents and Caregivers of Young Children

This five session course (with a booster session at the end if desired) will help promote good parent-child relationships. You will be learning basic parenting skills including effective praising, limit setting, ignoring, time out, natural/logical consequences and problem solving. These skills help parents learn how to pay attention to their child's behavior and actions. Parents utilizing these techniques have experienced positive changes in their relationships with their children. Bottled water is provided by the library. Register at 425-4412. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City County Health.



Wednesday Night at the Movies

Oct 3,10,17,24 | Wed | 6-8p
All Ages

Join the Downtown Library every Wednesday at 6 p.m. for a movie. For information call 606-3879 or visit the 1st floor Information Desk. The October movie schedule is:

Oct 3: *The Planet of the Apes*, 1968
Oct 10: *Alien vs Predator*, (PG-13)
Oct 17: *The Fly*, 1958
Oct 24: *Return of the Killer Tomatoes*. (PG)

Oct 31: From Noon - 8:30p there will be an 8½ hour marathon.
Please see Oct. 31 entry.

PM Come Play With Me

Oct 4 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p
10 Months-5 Years w/adult

Join us for fun with toys and friends. Also included are a simple craft and a story. During snack, there will be a short discussion on the parenting topic of the month. Call to register at 231-8650, ext. 4.



Preschool Story Time

Oct 5,12,19 | Fri

10-10:40a

Ages 3-6

Come to the library for stories, fingerplays, and an occasional game or craft.



McEvilly: A Year of Piano Masterworks

Oct 14 | Sun | 2-3p

All Ages

Second Sundays at the Downtown Library will continue to bring Wayne McEvilly in concert with "A Year of Piano Masterworks." This concert will include "Mephisto Waltz" by Liszt. Bring the whole family to enjoy an hour of extraordinary piano music in a relaxed and comfortable setting. Admission is free. Seating is limited and begins at 1:30p in the 46th Star Auditorium.



Monster Make-up for Kids

Oct 14 | Sun | 3:30-4:30p

Ages 6-12

Learn to make scars, scabs, and all kinds of gross stuff to wear on your face. Call 606-3862.

Halloween Preschool Story Time

Oct 26 | Fri | 10-10:40a

Ages 3-6

Come dressed in your favorite costume for Halloween stories, fingerplays, games and a spooky snack.



Downtown Library After Dark

Oct 27 | Sat | 7p

Teens (11-17)

Join the Downtown library after closing for our 2nd Annual "Lock-in!" There will be games, crafts, food and a scary movie for your enjoyment! Just pick up a registration form at the Information Desk. Call 606-3876 for more information.



Wednesday Night at the Movies

Oct 31 | Wed | Noon-8:30p

All Ages

It's Halloween and the Downtown Library will be showing classic (and not so classic) horror movies for 8 ½ hours starting at noon! Movies included are *Night of the Living Dead* and *The House on Haunted Hill*, as well as a few other choice (or not so choice) classics. Please register at 1st floor Information Desk or call 606-3879.

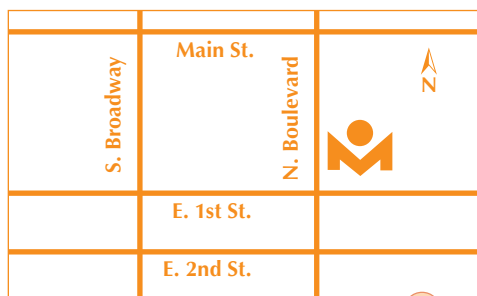
Edmond Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6



Parachute Play

Oct 1 | Mon | 9:30-10a

Ages 3-6 with parents

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



Story Time

Oct 1,15,22,29 | Mon

10-10:30a

Ages 3-6

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



English as a Second Language

Oct 1,3,10,15,17,22,24,29,31

Mon & Wed | 1-4p

Adults

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



ESL/Citizenship

Oct 1,3,10,15,17,22,24,29,31

Mon & Wed

5:30-8:30p Adults

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



"Alfalfa Bill" Murray as portrayed by John Hinkle

Oct 1 | Mon | 7-8p

Junior High - Adults

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Lapsit Play and Story Time

Oct 2,9,16,23,30 | Tue

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

Infant - 35 Months

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



Chess Class for Kids

Oct 2,16 | Tue | 3:30-5p

Ages 8 and older—grade school

This is a free chess class taught by a skilled instructor/chess player. If you are interested in learning more about the class or enrolling your child, please e-mail Ms. Connie Hong at conniehongok@gmail.com.

GED

Oct 2,4,9,11,16,18,23,25,30

Tue & Thur | 5:30-8:30p

Adults

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



55+ Coffee Break

Oct 3,10,17,24,31 | Wed | 9:30-11a

Seniors

Come to the Edmond Library for a coffee break made just for you. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be served along with light refreshments. Mingle and talk about your favorite books, work on a puzzle, play chess, checkers, Chinese checkers or bring your own game. We will have some books on a cart for you to browse and check out. This is a come-and-go event. Please sign our guest book and sign up for the door prize drawings.

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Mysterious

Oklahoma

with Author David Farris

From ancient Spiro Mounds to the Heavener Runestone, from strange lights over Ponca City to crop circles in Norman, hear author David Farris tell about the strange and curious events from Oklahoma's past. Plus tales of a phantom hitchhiker and a place in Payne County called Ghostly Hollow.

Don't even ask about the mutilations.

Preregister at 341-9282.

Adults

Tuesday, October 23, 7-8p

Edmond Library
10 S. Boulevard

Edmond Library continued.

Computer Instruction with Jonathan

Oct 3,10,17,24,31 | Wed
1-5p

Ages 18 & Older

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



Toileting Triumph

Oct 3 | Wed | 2:30-3p
Parents/Caregivers of
Young Children

With the development of new language skills and activity level, come many challenges. Toileting doesn't have to be one of those challenges. Come and discuss ways to make this stage more fun and rewarding for the whole family. Facilitated by: Robyn Sears. Call 425-4412 to register. Co-sponsor: OKC/County Health Dept.



Computer Instruction with Dave

Oct 3,10,17,24,31 | Wed
7-8p

Ages 18 & Older

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



Stamp Club

Oct 6,20 | Sat | 10a-Noon
4th Grade and up

Looking for a new hobby? Join experienced

stamp collectors who can guide you in this rewarding venture. Pre-register at 348-4607.

"Kick-off Halloween Fun" Story Time with Angela

Oct 6 | Sat | 10:30-11:15a
Ages 4-6

You can kick-off your Halloween Fun with Miss Angela. Listen to a spooky story and enjoy a very special related activity. Please pre-register starting Sept. 24 by calling 341-9282, ext. 4 or come by the Children's Desk.



Farsi

Oct 7,14,21,28 | Sun
1:30-2:30p

Adults & Teens

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



Oklahoma Voices

Oct 9 | Tue | 9a-4:30p and
Oct 11 | Thur | 1-8:30p and
Oct 13 | Sat | 9a-4:30p

All Ages

Interview someone you love. Talk to a Neighbor. Discuss a significant moment. Leave a legacy. Please see page 20 for details.

American Girls Tea Party

Oct 9 | Tue | 7-8p
Ages 6 - 12

You are invited to a tea party at the Edmond Library honoring you (and your doll, if you wish). After a brief introduction of the book

series and related materials, a word about party manners, tea and cookies, there will be a craft typical of what girls in the past might have enjoyed. Come by the Edmond Library's Children's Desk to pick up your party invitation and register. Registration starts September 24.

Local Notables

Oct 10 | Wed | 9:30-11a
Seniors

The guest for the day will be Irish Muno Jordan, Exhibit Director of the Edmond Historical Society since 1994 and Interim Director for nine months. Ms. Jordan has strong roots in Edmond where she was born. She graduated from Edmond Memorial High School and has a masters degree in Museum History Training from UCO. She is involved in local and national associations including Oklahoma Museums Association and the American Association of Museums. This program corresponds with the 55+ Coffee Break so that Ms. Jordan will be able to visit casually with the attendees of the program. Join us anytime during the Coffee Break and meet an Edmond Community Leader. Refreshments will be provided.

Music With Susan

Oct 12,26 | Fri | 9:30-10a
or 10:15-10:45a
Ages 2-3

Join Susan for musical fun & activities selected just for this age group. Registration begins Oct. 1 for the Oct. 12 session, and Oct. 15 for the Oct. 26 session. Call 341-9282, ext. 4 to register.



Music With Susan

Oct 12,26 | Fri

11-11:30a

Ages 4-6

Join Susan for musical fun & activities selected just for this age group. Registration begins Oct. 1 for the Oct. 12 session, and Oct. 15 for the Oct. 26 session. Call 341-9282, ext. 4 to register.



Reader's Choice Book Discussion

Oct 13 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon

Seniors

The Readers' Choice Book Discussion group meets once a month at the Edmond Library. October's title is *Jane Austen in Scarsdale* by Paula Marantz Cohen. Call 341-9282 to register after Sept. 8. (Limited to 15.)

"Oklahoma" Musical

Singalong

Oct 13 | Sat | 1-2:45p

All Ages

The Staff of the Edmond Library requests the pleasure of your company in our "Oklahoma" Musical Singalong. Not only will you be able to see the movie, the words and music lyrics will be provided in subtitles for the hard of hearing. Bring the family and enjoy an afternoon watching Gordon MacRae, Gloria Grahame, Shirley Jones, Gene Nelson, Charlotte Greenwood, Eddie Albert, James Whitmore, Rod Steiger in the famous movie musical set in the dawning age of Oklahoma's statehood. We are proud to show our appreciation of our customers this month and celebrate Oklahoma's Centennial in one afternoon. Feel free to bring your own popcorn and soda! Otherwise, light refreshments will be provided.



Edmond Library Book Bunch

Discussion Group

Oct 13 | Sat | 1-2:30p

Seniors

The Edmond Book Bunch meets once a month at the Edmond Library. The book for the month is *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley. Although the group is currently full, please call 341-9282 to get on the waiting list after August 11. (Limited to 15.)

Tunes, Tales & Tomfoolery: Centennial Celebration!

Oct 15 | Mon | 7-7:45p

All Ages

Return with us to those thrilling days of yesteryear. Playing fiddle, mandolin, banjo and a host of unusual homemade instruments, Bret Heitzke invites you on a journey back in time. Be a part of timeless sing-alongs, tall tales, painful puns, and homespun stories. This fun-filled, Okie-centric program

presents harmless entertainment & painless education by one of Oklahoma's favorite entertainers.

55 Drive Alive

Oct 16 | Tue | 9:30a-4p

Seniors

AARP presents safe driving tips to help prevent and reduce the tragedy of injury and death for drivers on today's roads. Attendees are eligible by Oklahoma Law to get an insurance discount for three years. The course is centered on senior driving, however anyone age 16 and older may take the class. Dean Hansen of AARP is the instructor. There is a \$10.00 fee payable on the day of the class. Please make checks out to AARP. Please call 341-9282 to register. (Limited to 35) Co-sponsor: AARP.

Child Guidance Consultation

Oct 17 | Wed

9:30a-4p

Ages 1 month-5 years

This is a great opportunity to book a free one-on-one screening of your preschooler with child specialists. Parents are encouraged to bring any questions they would like to ask of child development, behavioral health, and speech pathology professionals. Each child must be accompanied by a parent and/or legal guardian. Screenings are by appointment only and take approximately 1 hour. Sign up early as appointment slots fill up fast! Call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to pre-register. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Dept.



Simple Living Oklahoma

Oct 20 | Sat | 10-11:30a

Adults

Simple Living Oklahoma is a space to exchange ideas on modern life. In this voluntary simplicity discussion group, you will have the opportunity to explore issues of simplifying your life in relation to work, money, success, clutter, consumerism, and media in our world. The goal of the group is to encourage people to find more peace and fulfillment in their lives by living more simply. Please join us at the Edmond Library. Co-sponsor: Simple Living Oklahoma.

Carry Nation as portrayed by Erma Stewart:

Oct 20 | Sat | 2-2:45p

Adults & ages 10 & older

Carry Nation will be portrayed by Erma Stewart, who is known throughout the country for her historical recreations of famous personalities. This program is part of the Edmond Library's observance of Customer Appreciation Month. Followed by light refreshments. No registration necessary.



Manga-Anime Club

Oct 23 | Tue | 4-5p

Teens

Teens who are interested in manga and anime are invited to a first meeting of this new club at the Edmond Library. Share your interest with others. Please call 341-9282 to pre-register.



Mysterious Oklahoma with author

David A. Farris

Oct 23 | Tue | 7-8p

Adults

Ghosts, alien beings, scary and startling happenings—events fitting all of these categories and more have taken place in the Sooner state over the years. Author David A. Farris has collected accounts of these and has compiled them into several books, including *Mysterious Oklahoma*, *More Mysterious Oklahoma*, and *Oklahoma Outlaw Tales*. Mr. Farris will talk about his first book. Pre-register by calling 341-9282.

Safe at Home

Oct 24 | Wed | 2:30-4p

**Adults: Parents/Guardians
of young children**

Everyone should feel safe in their own home. We'll discuss why it's important to see your home from your child's perspective & ways to make child-proofing easy. Facilitated by Robyn Sears. Call 425-4412 to register. Co-sponsor: OKC/County Health Dept.



Making Paper Beads with Maggie

Oct 27 | Sat | 1p

Seniors

Join Maggie McNally in making paper beads for various craft projects. The project for the day will be jewelry. Your friends won't believe they are made of paper! All materials will be supplied. Register at 341-9282. (Limited to 10.)



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oklahoma voices

celebrating extraordinary stories
from everyday people

Interview someone you love. Talk to a Neighbor. Discuss a significant moment. Leave a legacy. Oklahoma Voices is a project to assist community members in making audio recordings of their lives. We encourage everyone to interview someone they love whether it's a family member, a friend, or a neighbor and leave a legacy. Our goal is to capture the stories that bond us. You will receive a copy of the interview and a copy will also be stored in the Downtown Library's Oklahoma Room. All interviews must be scheduled ahead of time. For more information or to schedule your interview, contact Oklahoma Voices at 414-9977. Co-sponsors: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System and Arts Council of Oklahoma City.

October Schedule:

Bethany Library

Tue, Oct. 2, 2007 9a-4:30p
Thurs, Oct. 4, 2007 1p-8:30p
Sat, Oct. 6, 2007 9a-4:30p

Edmond Library

Tue, Oct. 9, 2007 9a-4:30p
Thurs, Oct. 11, 2007 1p-8:30p
Sat, Oct. 13, 2007 9a-4:30p

Capitol Hill Library

Tue, Oct. 16, 2007 9a-4:30p
Thurs, Oct. 18, 2007 1p-8:30p
Sat, Oct. 20, 2007 9a-4:30p

Village Library

Tue, Oct. 23, 2007 9a-4:30p
Thurs, Oct. 25, 2007 1p-8:30p
Sat, Oct. 27, 2007 9a-4:30p

Warr Acres Library

Tue, Oct. 30, 2007 9a-4:30p
Thurs, Nov. 1, 2007 1p-8:30p
Sat, Nov. 3, 2007 9a-4:30p

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Statehood Fashions of 1907

Oct 27 | Sat | 2-3p

All Ages

The Guthrie Oklahoma Territorial Museum will conduct a power point presentation of "Dressing the Part: Statehood Fashions of 1907." The program will include numerous slides and photos of actual ca. 1907 clothing and accessories, as well as actual examples of reproduction fashions. The main focus will be on women's clothing, but men's and children's fashions will be addressed as well. Instructional handouts will be available.

Teen Advisory Board

Oct 30 | Tue | 4-5p

Teens



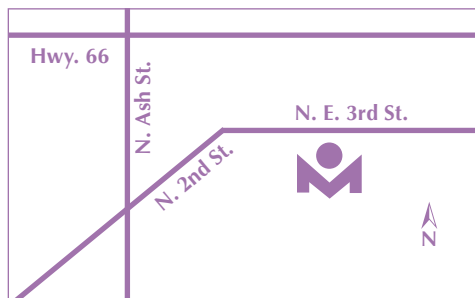
Organizational meeting for Edmond's Teen Advisory Board. You must be at least 13 years of age. Group will plan programs that will be presented to teens in the library. Bring your energy and enthusiasm. There will be light snacks.

Luther Library

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

HOURS

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



"Alfalfa Bill" Murray as portrayed by John Hinkle

Oct 3 | Wed

3:15-4:15p

Junior High - Adults

No other single individual is more colorful or more controversial in past Oklahoma politics than Oklahoma Governor "Alfalfa Bill" William H. Murray. Please see page 10 for more information.



Midwest City Library

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

HOURS

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

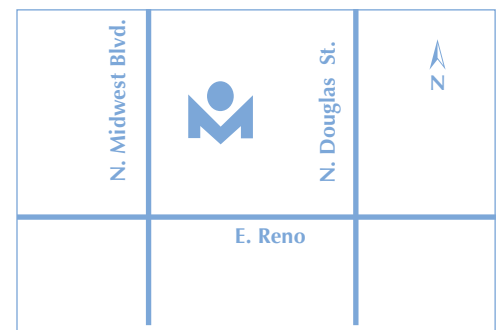


Exhibit: Mineral and Gem Exhibit

Oct 1-31, During Library Hours

All Ages

Members of the Oklahoma Mineral and Gem Society will display a wide selection of minerals and gems from their personal collections at the Midwest City Library throughout the month of October. The exhibit includes crystals, petrified wood, fossils, and jewelry. The display is in the MC Library Lobby and will continue until October 31.

Exhibit: Oklahoma Watercolor Association

Oct 1-25, During Library Hours

All Ages

Midwest City Library's annual exhibit of the work of members of the Oklahoma Watercolor Association will take place from Oct. 1-Oct. 25 in the Lobby Gallery. The exhibit is open to the public at no charge and can be viewed all hours the library is open.

Community Quilting Class with Soldier Creek Quilting Group

Oct 1,15,22,29 | Mon | 9:15a-1:30p

Adults

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

Family Place:

1-2-3 Play With Me

Oct 1 | Mon | 10-11a

Ages 3-8 with Parents

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



Domestic Violence Awareness Class

Oct 1 | Mon | 7-8:30p

Ages 16 and Older

Join Corporal Ramos of the Midwest City Police Department as he teaches the signs and symptoms of domestic violence. Information will include organizations and Hot lines that provide help to victims, and what to do if you or someone you know is suffering abuse. Register at the Information Desk, or call 732-4828.

Yarn Club

Oct 2 | Tue | 9:30-11a

All Ages

Attention crochet and knitting enthusiasts. Join us at the Midwest City Library for our monthly Yarn Club. All levels of experience are welcome. Bring your favorite pattern, or browse the library's selection. Crochet hooks, knitting needles, and scrap yarn will be

available. Instructional books and videos will also be available. No registration required.

Mid-Del Toastmasters

Oct 2,9,16,23,30 | Tue | 6-8p

Adults 18-Older

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

Computer Basics for Adults & Seniors

Oct 4 | Thur

9:30-11:30a

Adults and Seniors

Join our computer classes for adults & seniors who know little to nothing about using a computer but want to learn. The class will teach the basics of using a computer, printer and mouse and will introduce students to opening, storing, and writing electronic documents. Enrollment is limited to no more than eight students per class. Please pre-register at the Information Desk or call 732-4828.



Evening Story Time

Oct 4 | Thur | 6:30-7p

Ages 3-8 with Parents

Come share an evening of fun with your child. Enjoy stories, songs, poems, rhymes and the occasional craft. All children should be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.



Scrap, Crop, & Share

Oct 9 | Tue | 9:30-11:30a

Adults

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

Young Writers Club

Oct 9 | Tue | 4:30-5:30p

Ages 8-12

All young writers are encouraged to join us as we have fun exploring the world of creative writing! Pre-register by 732-4828.

Teens Assisting Library Keepers

Oct 9 | Tue | 5:30-6p

Ages 10-18

Teens can join us at the Midwest City Library to discuss future programs that they would like to see. Help the library come up with new and fun programs for you. Help us help you at TALK. Pre-register by calling 732-4828.



Chess Club

Oct 9 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

All Ages

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

Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament

Oct 10 | Wed | 4-5p

Ages 10-16

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



Internet Basics for Adults & Seniors

Oct 11 | Thur

9:30-11:30a

Adults and Seniors

Library staff will lead these computer classes for adults & seniors who know little to nothing about the Internet but want to learn. The instructor will teach basic Internet usage, Internet searches, and introduce students to e-mail. Enrollment is limited to eight students per class. Please pre-register at the Information Desk or call 732-4828.



Book Bug Club

Oct 11 | Thur | 4-5p

Grades 1-3

Join us in the Book Bug Club! We will have a snack, talk about the book, play games and make a craft! This month we are reading *Curious George at the Baseball Game* by Laura Driscoll. You can pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk. Pre-registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.



Hunter Education Safety Course

Oct 13 | Sat | 9a-2:30p

Ages 10 & Older

This home-study-based course is designed to improve your hunter safety skills and performance on hunter safety tests. You must either obtain a workbook directly from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife

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Conservation or pick up a workbook up at the Midwest City Library. Complete the workbook prior to class and bring it with you to the class. Specific details about the ODWC Hunter's Education program can also be viewed online at www.wildlifedepartment.com/hunted2.htm. Participants ages 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required. To register, please call 732-4828.

"Alfalfa Bill" Murray as portrayed by John Hinkle
Oct 14 | Sun | 2-3p
Junior High - Adults



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Toddler Story

Time for 2s and 3s

Oct 15, 22, 29 | Mon

10-10:30a

Ages 2 & 3 with Parents



Join us for a special story time just for toddlers. There will be songs, stories, fingerplays and the occasional craft. Older & younger siblings are welcome. All children should be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

Preschool Story

Time for 4s and 5s

Oct 15, 22, 29 | Mon

11-11:30a

Ages 4 & 5 with Parents



Join us for a special story time just for preschoolers. There will be songs, stories, rhymes and the occasional craft. Older & younger siblings are welcome. All children should be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

Open Mic Poetry Reading

Oct 15 | Mon | 7-8p

All Ages

Poetry Lovers! Join us for an evening of poetry. Bring your own work or your favorite poem to share with the group

Adventure Book Club

Oct 16 | Tue | 4-5p

Ages 8-12

Choose your own ending in this Choose Your Own Adventure Book Club. How many endings can you find? Pre-register at 732-4828.

Teen Reads Book Club

Oct 16 | Tue | 5-6p

Ages 13-18

Join us at Teen Reads where we will discuss our book of the month and have some snacks! Please pre-register by calling 732-4828. Due to limited space, pre-registration is required.



Book Discussion: Introductory Session

Oct 17 | Wed | 3-4p

Adults

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

Internet & E-mail Tutorial

Oct 18 | Thur

9:30-11:30a

Adults & Seniors



Learn how to sign up for a free e-mail account and develop internet skills. Participants will have online access during class in order to establish individual e-mail accounts. Basic familiarity with computers and the Internet will let attendees make the most out of this class. All participants should have a valid Metropolitan Library System library card or qualify for visitor's access prior to the start of this program. Enrollment is limited to the first eight students. Please register at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828.

Talk It Up! Book Club

Oct 18 | Thur | 4-5p

Grades 4-6

Join us in the Talk It Up! Book Club! We will have a snack, talk about the book, play games and make a craft! This month we are reading *Magic Tree House: Haunted Castle on Hallows Eve* by Mary Pope Osbourne. You can pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk. Pre-register at 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

Teen Anime Club

Oct 18 | Thur | 4-5p

Ages 13-18

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



When Will My Child Bloom?

Oct 22 | Mon | 5-6p

Adults

We will focus on milestones of development for preschool age children and how individual children develop on their own time frame. These individual differences are a normal part of each child's development. Facilitated



by S. Naegeli and K. Broekhuysen of the OKC/County Health Dept. Pre-registration is required. Call 425-4412 to register.

LOL: Improv w/OU Improv

Oct 23 | Tue | 6-6:45p

Teens



LOL :-D with OU Improv, a group of OU students who perform improv at the University and in the community. This workshop and performance will show you techniques used by improv actors on shows like *Whose Line Is It Anyway*. An informal and fun experience for those wanting to try improv, learn a new acting skill, or just laugh away an hour.

CyberMARS 101: A Guided Tour of the Electronic Catalog

Oct 25 | Thur

9:30-11:30a

Adults & Seniors



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

Philosopher's Café

Oct 25 | Thur | 4-5p

Grades 3-6

How do you know you're here? Can a question be an answer? Think you don't have a clue? Well, think again. Join us for snacks, stories, songs, poems, answers and more questions. Pre-registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the library Information Desk to sign up.

Exhibit: Soldier Creek Quilters Group

Oct 29-Nov 19, During Library Hours

All Ages

Midwest City Library is pleased to host the annual exhibit of quilts made by members of the Soldier Creek Quilters Group. The group, which meets weekly at the library, provides support and assistance to quilters at all skill levels. The exhibit, scheduled from October 29 to November 19 in the Lobby Gallery, is free and open to the public.

Toddler Aerobics

Oct 29 | Mon | 10-10:30a

And 11-11:30a

Ages 2-5 with Parents

Preschoolers may join in the aerobics class



that features lessons & exercises designed to develop fine & gross motor skills. Parents/caregivers will participate with their child. Pre-registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

Genealogy for Beginners Oct 29 | Mon | 6-7:30p Adults



Have you always been interested in researching your family tree, but aren't sure how to start? Help is here! Experienced local genealogist Debra Spindle will lead beginners through the first steps. Topics will include: basic concepts, useful strategies, and available hardcopy and online resources. Anyone with a laptop is welcome to bring it for hands-on experience during the instruction. Register at the Information Desk, or call 732-4828.

Write a Novel in 30 Days Oct 29 | Mon | 7:30-8:30p Adults

Have you ever wanted to write a novel? With this unique approach, you can write a novel in just 30 days! In this first session, you'll get the guidebook and learn the rules to start planning your novel, but don't start writing yet! National Novel Writing Month starts Nov. 1. Join us on Mondays for a month and get that novel written! Register at the Information Desk, or call Beth Wilson at 732-4828.

Whose Line? Improv Night! Oct 30 | Tue | 5-6p Ages 13-18



Join us at Midwest City Library for fun improvisational theatre games based off the TV show, "Whose Line Is It Anyway". No experience required. Pre-register to perform by calling 732-4828 or just come and watch the show.



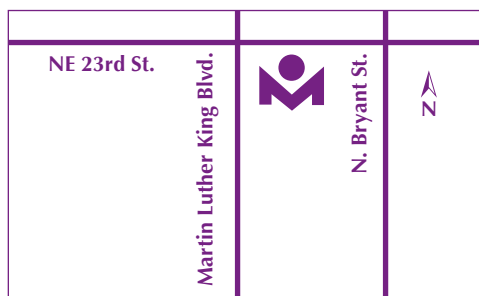
Ralph Ellison Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Math Tutoring for Students Oct 1,15,22,29 | Mon | 4-6p Elementary-High School

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

Let's Talk Toastmasters Oct 3,10,17,24,31 | Wed | 6-7p Adults

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

Society of Urban Poets Oct 6 | Sat | 11a-1p Adults

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

Preschool Story Time Oct 9,23,30 | Tue 10-10:40a Ages 3 and Older

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



Girls Today Oct 13 | Sat | 2-4p Ages 10-19

Being a girl, much less a young lady, is nothing if not complicated. This workshop will cover all the details from grooming to manners that make a young lady a young lady. The public is welcome. Co-sponsor: Ronda Jackson.



LOL: Improv w/OU Improv Oct 16 | Tue | 6-6:45p Teens



LOL :-D with OU Improv, a group of OU students who perform improv at the University and in the community. This workshop and performance will show you techniques used by improv actors on shows like *Whose Line Is It Anyway*. An informal and fun experience for those wanting to try improv, learn a new acting skill, or just laugh away an hour.

AARP Monthly Meeting Oct 18 | Thur | 10-11:30a Adults 50+

Discussion of issues affecting Seniors 50 years and older.

Teen Movie Day Oct 30 | Tue | 5-7:30p Ages 15-18



Come join us in a movie and have a discussion of what you thought about it. Refreshments will be served during the movie. Registration is required.

Southern Oaks Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6



Celebrate! Made in Oklahoma Products Oct 1-30, During Library Hours

All Ages

Celebrate customer appreciation month, October 1 - 31st. Made in Oklahoma—Good For You. Good for Oklahoma! Did you know that Made in Oklahoma food products represent \$2 billion in annual sales and generate 18,000 jobs for Oklahomans? Visit the Southern Oaks Library anytime during the month of October and register for a chance to win a Made in Oklahoma basket, filled with Oklahoma products.

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Preschool Story Time

Oct 1,15,22,29 | Mon

10:30-11:15a

Ages 2-6 with Adult

Children ages 2-6 (with a favorite adult) Introduce young children to books and reading at our fun story times! Children will have fun with books, songs, and activities as they build their early literacy skills. Pre-registration is required by calling 631-4468.



GED

Oct 1,3,10,15,17,22,24,29,31

Mon & Wed | 3:30-6p

Ages 16 & Older

Review math, social studies, English skills and reading comprehension for the GED exam. Register with the instructor on the first day you attend class. All materials are furnished free of charge. Questions? Please call the Mid-Del Adult Learning Center at 739-1783.



Confident Parenting

Oct 2 | Fri | 10:45a-Noon

Parents/Caregivers of Young Children

This five session course will help promote good parent-child relationships. You will be learning basic parenting skills including the art of effective praising, effective limit setting, time out and ignoring. These skills help parents learn how to pay attention to their child's behavior and actions. Parents utilizing these techniques have experienced positive changes in their relationships with their children. Call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to register for the free workshop. Co-sponsor: OKC/County Health Dept.



After School Cool

Oct 2,9,16,30 | Tue | 4-5p

Ages 10-16

Paul Medina from Youth Cornerstone will teach an art class for young people. Explore different visual media. Call 631-4468 for more info. Co-sponsor: Youth Cornerstone.



Books on Trial

Oct 2 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

Adults

Woody Guthrie, Eleanor Roosevelt and many others protested an event that happened in Oklahoma City in the 1940s. Join us for this "Spotlight on OK History." Learn about this little known part of our city's history. The speaker, Wayne Wiegand, will tell the story of what happened when four bookstore proprietors in Oklahoma City were put on trial, not for anything they said or did, but for what was in the books they

sold. A thought provoking story to highlight the questions around banned books. Mr. Wiegand is director of American Studies at the Florida State University and bases his lecture on research done for his book, *Books On Trial: Red Scare in the Heartland*.

Young Adult Book Discussion

Oct 3 | Wed | 6:30- 8:30p

Ages 16-25

We will be reading and discussing novels, graphic novels, anime, memoirs, magazines, or whatever you want. Bring an idea for the next group. Call 631-4468 to reserve a copy of this month's reading selection!

A Centennial Tribute:

Oklahoma Poetry

Oct 4 | Thur | 7-8p

All Ages

Two Master Poets: A Centennial Tribute is a film with former Oklahoma Poet Laureates Carol Hamilton and Carl Sennhenn discussing their process of writing poetry and reading some of their poems. The film is presented by artist Dena Madole. Carl Sennhenn, 2007 Oklahoma Book award winner, will discuss and read from his current book, *Travels Through Enchanted Woods*. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Please call 631-4468 to register.



Child Guidance Consultation

Oct 5 | Fri | 9a-4p

Ages 1 Month to 5 Years with parent or guardian

This is a great opportunity to book a free one-on-one screening of your preschooler with child specialists. Parents are encouraged to bring any and all questions they would like to ask of professionals in the area of child development, behavioral health and speech pathology. Each child must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Screenings are by appointment only and take approximately 1 hour. Parents, sign up early as appointment slots fill up fast! Call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to pre-register. Co-sponsor: OKC/County Health Department.



Video Game-A-Thon

Oct 6 | Sat | Noon-4p

Teens

Do you dream in 3D graphics? Do your fingers twitch every time you see a joystick? You may have a condition commonly referred to as Consolitus: the desperate need to "virtualize" reality. If this is the case...we have the cure: four hours of DDR, Super Smash Brothers Melee, Mario Kart, Guitar Hero, and more. Join us anytime between Noon-4 pm. Real snacks will be provided.



Southern Oaks Book Club

Oct 9 | 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.

Mozart For Everyone

Oct 11 | Thur | 10-11a

All Ages

The Southern Oaks library presents pianist, Wayne McEvelly in a relaxing program of beautiful piano melodies with masterworks by the classical composer Mozart. Call 631-4468 to sign up for the free concert.



"Alfalfa Bill" Murray as portrayed by John Hinkle

Oct 13 | Sat | 2-3p

Junior High - Adults

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Parachute Play

Oct 17 | Wed | 10:30-11a

Ages 3-6 with parents

While playing games with a parachute, children will have the opportunity to practice skills such as: following directions, socializing with others, using language, using small and large muscles, and remaining in control during very active play... and it's loads of fun! Pre-registration is required. Call 425-4412 to sign up. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Dept.



SO Write: Creative Writing Club for Kids

Oct 18 | Thur | 4:30-5:30p

For Kids Ages 9-12

If you enjoy writing stories, poems, or comics, this club is for you. Bring a story or poem you've written to share with us. We'll do some mad libs and a writing exercise. Pre-registration is required. Sign up by calling 631-4468 or by visiting the Information Desk.

Drawing with

Bryan Dahlvang

Oct 22 | Mon | 7-8p

Teens

Join artist Bryan Dahlvang as he teaches cartooning and other drawing techniques. Bryan's artistic exercises will help you loosen your mind so you can enjoy drawing just for the fun of it!



Creepy Creatures & Costumes

Oct 23 | Tue 4:30-5:30p
Children Ages 4-12



LIVE ANIMALS! Meet some creepy creatures from the OKC Zoo. Following the creepy creatures there will be a costume contest for children who wish to wear one. Children do not have to wear a costume to attend the program. Favors and treats will be provided. Younger children should be accompanied by an adult. To pre-register, call 631-4468.

Book Adventure: Kids' Book Club

Oct 25 | Thur | 4:30-5:30p
Kids in grades 1-3

Join us for a Book Adventure! Meet with kids your age to discuss a great book. We will have a snack, play a game, and make a craft. Call the library to register and to find out what book to read before the program. Call 631-4468.

Halloween Preschool Story Time

Oct 29 | Mon
10:30-11:15a

Children ages 2-6
(with a favorite adult)



Children will have fun with spooky stories, songs and activities. Kids are encouraged to dress up and wear their Halloween costume. Pre-registration is required. Sign up by calling 631-4468.

The Village Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed

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

Tai Chi With Mickey Sherman

Oct 1,15,22,29 | Mon | 9-10a
Adults

Join Tai Chi instructor Mickey Sherman for these free, fun and informative sessions. Every Monday morning for 16 weeks we will meet at 9am. What a nice way to start the

week! New participants can simply show up and check in with the instructor. Sponsored by the Village Friends of the Library.

ESL

Oct 1,3,10,15,17,22,24,29,31
Mon & Wed | 6-8:30p

Adults

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



Babar and Me Yoga

Oct 2,9,16,30 | Tue
10-10:30a

Ages 2-5

Fun and gentle yoga for little ones and their parent(s). Pre-register at the Information Desk or call 755.0710.



Family Place:

1-2-3 Play with Me

Oct 4,11,18,25 | Thur
10-11a

10 Months - 3 1/2 Years

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



Booktime

Oct 4,11 | Thur | 4-4:45p
All Ages

Come and join us in reading a few books aloud. Short, sweet, and highly entertaining.

Drawing with Bryan Dahlvang

Oct 4 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p
Teens

Join artist Bryan Dahlvang as he teaches cartooning and other drawing techniques. Bryan's artistic exercises will help you loosen your mind so you can enjoy drawing just for the fun of it!



Spanish Language Class

Oct 4,11,18,
Thur | 6:30-8:30p
Adults

Join instructor Claudia Marin for a fun, free class to learn the basics of Spanish. Students will meet for 16 sessions on Thursday nights.



Please call 755-0710 to sign up, as space is limited. Sponsored by the Village Friends of the Library.

"Alfalfa Bill" Murray as portrayed by John Hinkle

Oct 12 | Fri
10:30-11:30a

Junior High - Adults

No other single individual is more colorful or more controversial in past Oklahoma politics than Oklahoma Governor "Alfalfa Bill" William H. Murray. Please see page 10 for more information.



Village Kids Book Club

Oct 13 | Sat | 1-2p
Ages 6-7

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

Attic Light Book Club

Oct 13 | Sat | 3-4p
Ages 8-10

We'll meet to discuss a fabulous book, make a craft, or play a game. You can pick up the book at the Information Desk. Please read the book before the meeting. Pre-register.

Book Discussion Group

Oct 15 | Mon | 3-4p
Adults

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

Anime Club

Oct 18 | Thur | 5-6p
Teens

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



Teens

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Introduction to Power Point

Oct 18 | Thur | 6:30-8p
Adults



Free computer class for adults! Learn to create power point productions for teaching, sales presentations, or presentations to groups or clubs. Come in or call to sign up. Village Library (405) 755-0710.

Oklahoma Voices

Oct 23 | Tue | 9a-4:30p and
Oct 25 | Thur | 1-8:30p and
Oct 27 | Sat | 9a-4:30p

All Ages

Interview someone you love. Talk to a Neighbor. Discuss a significant moment. Leave a legacy. Please see page 20 for details.

When Will My Child Bloom?

Oct 23 | Tue | 5-6p
Parents of Young Children



We will focus on milestone of development for preschool age children and how individual children develop on their own time frame. These individual differences are a normal part of each child's development. Facilitated by Sarita Naegeli.

11th Annual Mystery Night

Oct 26 | Fri | 5:30-10p
Ages 8-13

Come enjoy pizza, scary stories, and a mystery that needs solving. Pre-register at the Information Desk or call 755.0710.

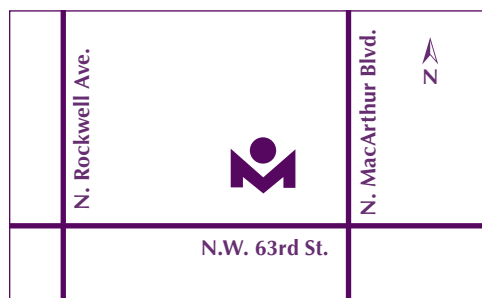
Warr Acres Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Book Club

Oct 1 | Mon | 11a-Noon
Adults

The Warr Acres Library Book Club will discuss *Lincoln Lawyer* by Michael Connelly.

Please join us to discuss this thriller.

Toilet Triumph

Oct 2 | Tue | 3-4p
Parents



Toileting doesn't have to be a challenge. Come and learn ways to make this stage more fun and rewarding for the whole family. Sign up is required by calling OKC County Health Dept. at 425-4412. (No daycare is provided.)

Child Guidance Consultation

Oct 5 | Fri | 9a-4p
Birth to Age 5



With parent or guardian

Book a one-on-one screening of your pre-schooler with experts in child development and speech pathology from OKC-County Health Department. A parent or legal guardian must accompany the child for the 1 hour session. Screenings are by appointment only; please call, 425-4412.

Story Time for Pre-schoolers

Oct 9, 23 | Tue
10:30-11:15a

Ages 2 1/2-5

2 1/2 to 5 year olds

Children will enjoy stories and other fun activities with Miss Alma and her puppets. Please pre-register.



"Alfalfa Bill" Murray as portrayed by John Hinkle

Oct 9 | Tue | 7-8p
Junior High - Adults



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Play Time for Babies and Tots

Oct 10, 17, 24, 31 | Wed
9:15-10a and 10:30-11:15a
Ages 8-30 months



Play promotes healthy development and learning, so bring your youngster to our library for 45 minutes of toys, lap games, and a story with Miss Alma and her puppets. (Siblings are welcome.) Pre-register at 721-2616.

ESL

Oct 1, 3, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31
Mon & Wed | 6-8:30p
Adults



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

Caldecott Club for Children

Oct 13 | Sat | 10:30-11:30a
5 years and older

The Caldecott Medal is awarded to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children published in the United States during the preceding year. Come enjoy award-winning books and related art projects the second Saturday of each month. Please pre-register.

Coffee Break

Oct 15 | Mon | 9:30-10:30a
Adults

Join us for coffee & conversation in a relaxed, informal setting. Coffee & light refreshments will be served in our meeting room.

Drawing Workshop

Oct 18 | Thur | 2-3p
Teens



Come beef up your drawing talents with outstanding local artist Danny Gordon. Please call to pre-register.

Children Reading to Dogs

Oct 18 | Thur | 7-8p
Ages 6 & Older



Lovable dogs and their trained owners will help children develop reading skills. Bring your favorite picture book and enjoy a time of reading in our meeting room. Dogs and owners are certified as dog therapy teams, and most are certified by Therapy Dogs International. Children will read 5-10 minutes each. Please pre-register.

LOL: Improv w/OU Improv

Oct 20 | Sat | 2-2:45p
Teens



LOL :-D with OU Improv, a group of OU students who perform improv at the University and in the community. This workshop and performance will show you techniques used by improv actors on shows like *Whose Line Is It Anyway*. An informal and fun experience for those wanting to try improv, learn a new acting skill, or just laugh away an hour.

Oklahoma Voices

Oct 30 | Tue | 9a-4:30p and
All Ages

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Libraries Closed	9	10	11	13	13
14	10	11	12	13	14	15
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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.

Burke, Bob. *Friday Night in the Big Town: The Life of Gary England*. Foreward by David Griffin. 551.5092/EN581/BIOGRAPHY

Gary England has been a fixture on KWTW for 35 years, and is credited with being the first TV meteorologist to issue a weather warning using Doppler Radar. In 1990, England was one of the masterminds behind the development of First Warning, the map using a color code that appears in the corner of your TV during tricky weather.

England's story is one of the most inspiring ones in Oklahoma history, a gem of a "local boy makes good" yarn. Just the thing for a rainy weekend.

Mathis, Nancy. *Storm Warning: The Story of a Killer Tornado*. 551.553/M4318s

It's been eight years since that series of 70 massive tornados ripped through central Oklahoma—destroying 10,000 homes and perpe-
trating \$1 billion.

On May 3, 1999, a staggering number of tornados touched down in Oklahoma, wiping out more than 10,000 homes and causing at least \$1 billion in damage. The author, a native Oklahoman, takes us back to that terrible day, and makes us feel as though we are right there in the midst of the holocaust. The current fascination with big-weather events almost guarantees the book a wide audience, and that's fine: it deserves one.



We're here to serve you.

MLS LIBRARIES

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S
BELLE ISLE 5501 N. Villa, OKC, 843-9601	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
BETHANY 3510 N. Mueller, Bethany, 789-8363	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—
CAPITOL HILL 334 S.W. 26th, OKC, 634-6308	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	—
CHOCTAW 2525 Muzzy Street, Choctaw, 390-8418	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	—
DEL CITY 4509 S.E. 15th, Del City, 672-1377	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—
DOWNTOWN 300 Park Ave., OKC, 231-8650	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
EDMOND 10 S. Boulevard, Edmond, 341-9282	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
MIDWEST CITY 8143 E. Reno, MWC, 732-4828	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
RALPH ELLISON 2000 N.E. 23rd, OKC, 424-1437	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	—
SOUTHERN OAKS 6900 S. Walker, OKC, 631-4468	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
THE VILLAGE 10307 N. Pennsylvania Avenue, The Village, 755-0710	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—
WARR ACRES 5901 N.W. 63rd, Warr Acres, 721-2616	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—

MLS EXTENSION LIBRARIES*

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

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