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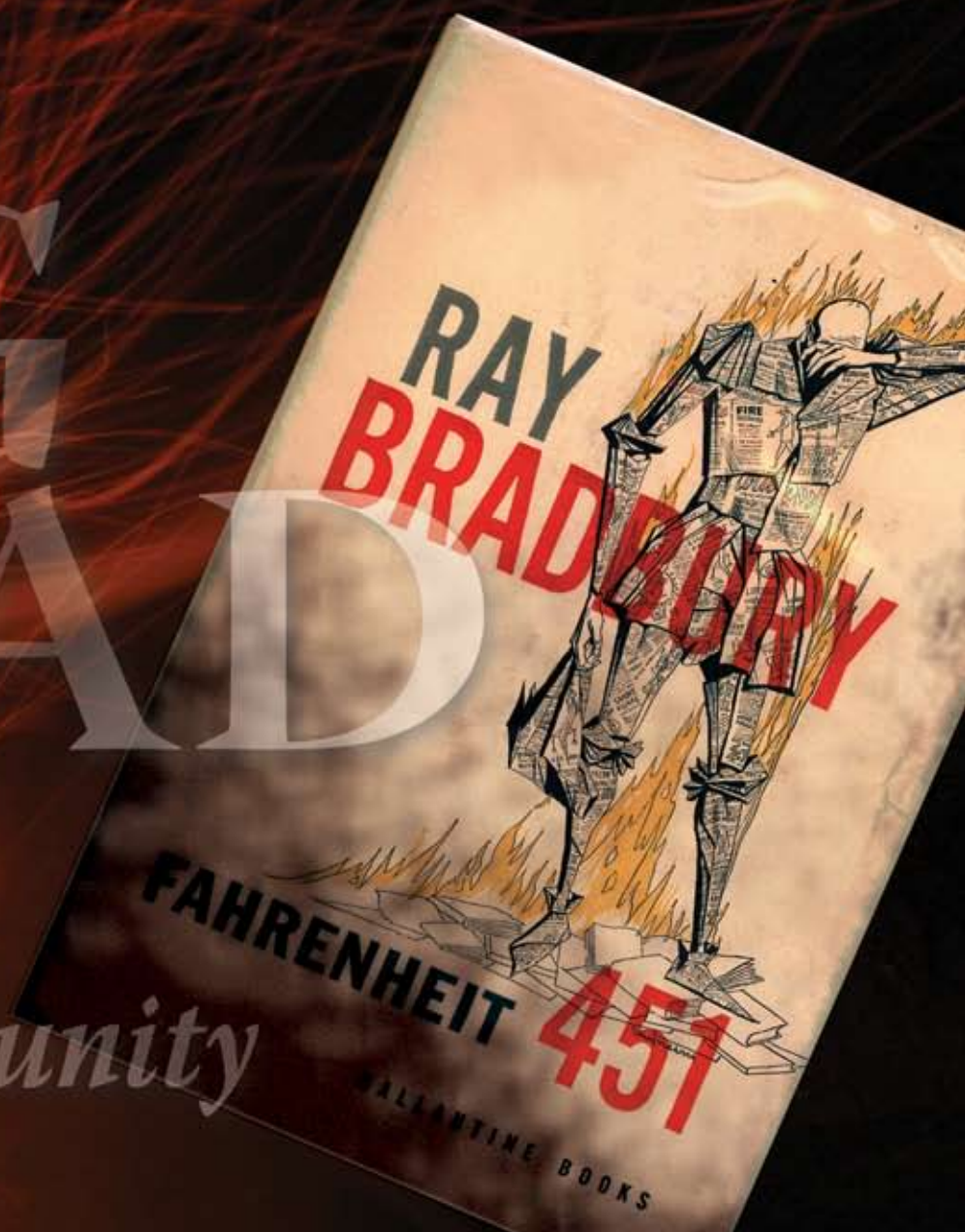
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One Community*



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Anyone who's ever spent time in the month of October around young children is familiar with this question: "Boo! Did I scare ya?"

The question you may be asking is, "Where is a safe place I can take the kids for a little uns spooky Halloween fun?"

Just turn to the Calendar of Events in this issue and find your answer. Even just going out after dark and seeing the costumes can be too much for some children, and that's where your Metropolitan Library System comes in. In our calendar you'll find dozens of opportunities for kids of all ages to celebrate their favorite dark and stormy holiday in a setting that's familiar, comfortable, and most importantly, safe.

There might even be some candy in it if you're lucky.

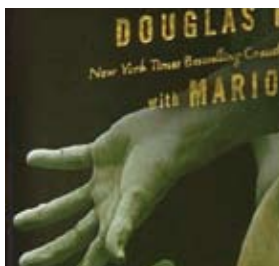


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Ray Bradbury's dystopian Sci Fi classic *Fahrenheit 451* is a hot book to kick off The Big Read in central Oklahoma.



Oklahoma Images

The Freedom to Read Must Not Be Denied

by Larry Johnson

This month your library system is part of a national program called The Big Read. People around the country will be reading the same book and hopefully talking about it as well. The celebrated book is *Fahrenheit 451*, the classic novel by Ray Bradbury that describes a society where the firemen are so named because they torch books (and their readers and the buildings they occupy). Surprisingly, this is done at the request of a drug-addled society perched on their easy chairs as the lives of celebrities wash over them all day everyday delivered by large television screens. In this world, people grew weary of books offending this group and that group; ridding the world of books also rids the world of controversy and this makes people very happy.



Children free to read on the front steps of the Carnegie Library at 131 NW 3rd.



Lest you think this book is pure fantasy and have found yourself quoting the title of Sinclair Lewis' little read cautionary novel *It Can't Happen Here*, let me remind you that Oklahoma City has always had groups to look after the best interests of its citizens' reading habits. During World War I, a quasi-governmental group called the Council of Defense assisted the courts and the police in destroying over 5000 volumes from a Jehovah's Witness warehouse because five pages of a book suggested that America's entry into the war would bring about the country's ruin.

Later, a private group called the Public Welfare League pressured the mayor into creating a three member Board of Censorship. For nearly three decades, Oklahoma City saw no movie or play, read no book, magazine, or even an advertisement which was not cleared by the censors. "We try to temper the wind to the shorn lamb," one of the censors was quoted as saying. He admitted it was a hard job to be a censor, but that it could've been much easier if the creators of the material had used "good sense". Interestingly, that censor was the Kligrapp of the local Ku Klux Klan. The son of another censor spent ten years in prison on a "morals charge." And the mayor who

appointed them later spent five years in a federal prison.

Since the 1940s, we've had the American Legion disrupting the Oklahoma Youth Legislature for debating Communism; the Oklahoma Literature Commission which attacked comic books and detective magazines; and Citizens for Decent Literature who went after *Catcher in the Rye*, Wordsworth, and James Bond in the 1960s. There have been plenty more since then and will be many more in the future to be sure.

Thankfully, we've had our defenders as well. In her *Daily Oklahoman* columns, Edith Johnson routinely challenged the censors; college professors have debated them; and the public library has always ensured that a variety of opinions and viewpoints are presented.

Open your eyes. Read *Fahrenheit 451*. Join the conversation. The Big Read.

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 Lost Memoirs of Jane Austen

by Syrie James

Fans of Jane Austen frequently bemoan the fact that there are only six published novels available and would be delighted to know that there are actually more of her novels to read, including *Sanditon* and *Lady Susan*. James decided to add to the original works by inventing *The Lost Memoirs of Jane Austen* and creating a novel based on Austen's life that incorporates themes and aspects from both her novels and her real life which are then skillfully blended into a fictional work.

The result is a charming story set in the south

of England c. 1800 which is not only perfectly in keeping with the style and content of Miss Austen's own works but is also perfect for gleaning more information about Jane's actual relationships. A wonderful light read just right for the hot, lazy days of summer.

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



Reviewed by Christine Bassett



Frames

by Loren D. Estleman

Maybe you know Estleman as an award-winning writer of westerns, or of private eye novels. If so, you're in for a treat with his new mystery.

It stars Valentino, no first name, a film archivist for UCLA. He calls himself a "film detective" because his job is tracking down previously unknown copies of old movies thought to be lost. His knees turn to crumbling celluloid when he finds a complete print of the 1924 movie *Greed*—all eight to ten hours of it. It's the Holy Grail of Lost Movies and if it weren't for the human skeleton on the floor next to the film cans, Val would be in movie heaven.

Assisted in his crime solving by a

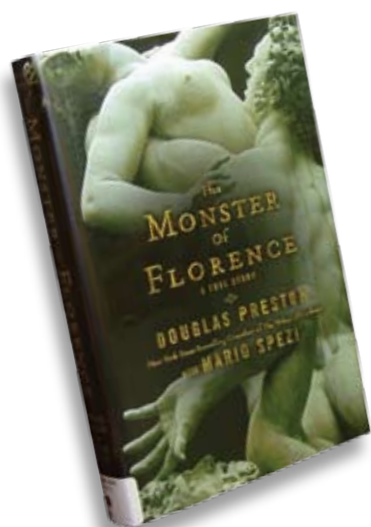
twentysomething film/law student named Fanta and an aging professor who teaches only two classes each semester—and that's the first and last class sessions for a total of two hours—Val has to find the killer in 48 hours or the police will confiscate *Greed* as evidence.

It's merely an okay mystery, but the characters are fun and the dialogue is right out of a 1930s screwball comedy. *Frames* is a good start to a new series.

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



Reviewed by Doug Bentin



The Monster of Florence

by Douglas J. Preston with Mario Spezi

Preston, who may be better known for his series of thrillers co-written with Lincoln Child, took his family to live in Florence in the late 1990's where he met Italian journalist Mario Spezi. Spezi told him all about the unsolved mysterious deaths of several young couples over a period of 20 years.

Together, Preston and Spezi began to do their own research into the case only to become entangled with a police force and justice system

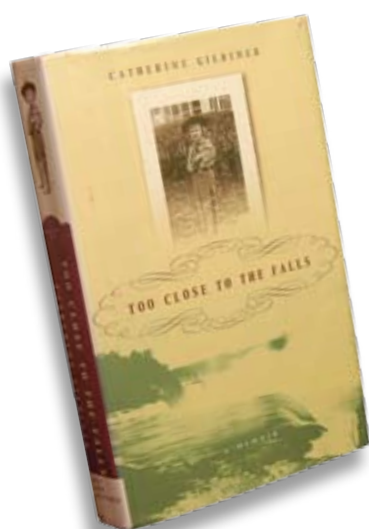
reminiscent of those featured in John Grisham's *The Innocent Man*. Many innocent individuals have spent years in prison or on trial. Even Preston himself was charged with obstructing justice and forced to leave Italy, while Spezi found himself arrested for being the Monster of Florence!

This fast paced true story reads like a fiction thriller and is well worth checking out at your local library.

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ON THE SHELF

Reviewed by Christine Bassett



Too Close to the Falls

by Catherine Gildiner

You may have heard that truth is stranger than fiction. In her autobiography, *Too Close to the Falls*, Catherine Gildiner proves that to be true. Why would parents put their four-year-old daughter to work in their pharmacy? Why would a girl slide down a hill that ends at the edge of the Niagara River? These things and more are revealed by the one who actually survived to tell the tale.

It's no wonder Gildiner grew up to be a psychologist. She didn't understand that she wasn't an adult when she started kindergarten. She already knew how to read, write, and deliver pharmaceuticals all over the county with Roy, the delivery driver.

Whether skipping school to interview the dump lady (who suffered from the same disease as the elephant man) or planning the most-bloody, but least-lethal, stabbing of the boy who ripped out chunks of her scalp and hair, this little girl's life was never dull or ordinary. She learned life lessons and independent thinking from murderers, gamblers, madams and nuns. Her story is one I doubt I'll ever forget.

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.

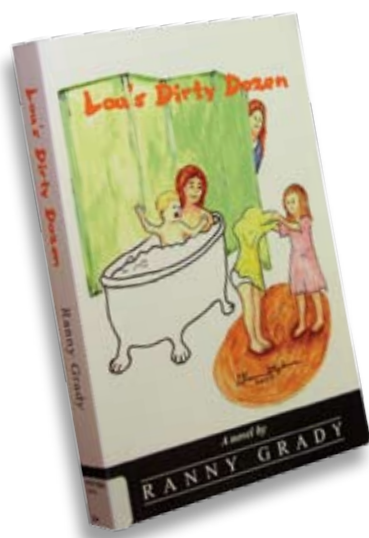
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ON THE SHELF

Reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



Reviews & Recommendations



Lou's Dirty Dozen

By Ranny Grady

The Depression years were hard for everybody, but they were especially hard for Lou Crandall. Her abusive husband died and left her to finish raising their twelve children. Lou was up to the task, using love, hard work, and a ready repertoire of scriptures to train up her children in the way they should go.

They all worked together to survive, earning bits of money in every way they could. Lou worked as a cobbler, a nurse, wrote for the newspaper, and operated a popcorn concession. When her unpaid grocery bill reached \$500, one of her sons took up night plowing to earn extra money. When he and his crew plowed into nests of rattlesnakes, the angry serpents came flying up all around them.

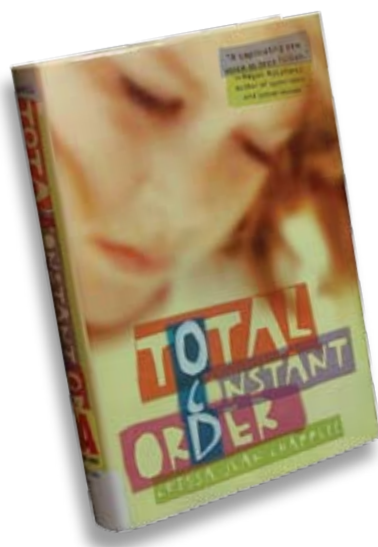
One man died from four bites, but Lou's son didn't let that stop him.

The family survived a three-day dust storm, the birth of an illegitimate child, an attempted rape, and the lack of women's rights. They enjoyed sports and music competitions, going to dances, and once helped a neighbor lay a pit trap beside the outhouse on Halloween night.

This is a true story about Ranny Grady's grandmother. It is told, in fictional style, through the eyes of, Jessie, his mother. Jessie is an Oklahoman who will turn 94 years old in October. In my opinion, this well-written story should be on the New York Times' best-seller list.



Reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



Total Constant Order

by Crissa-Jean Chappell

Ever since Fin moved to Miami, she can't stop counting. Numbers help her make sense of the world, but the constant rituals also make her an outcast at school and put extra strain on her relationship with her mother. Fed up with the stress of maintaining total constant order, Fin tells her mother about her obsessive thoughts and agrees to visit a doctor.

The doctor immediately puts Fin on Paxil. The antidepressant makes her sick, and she fears that the drug will turn her into someone else. Around this time, she meets Thayer, a dreadlocked stoner with issues of his own. Hooked on Ritalin since he was a kid, Thayer provides a level of understanding and acceptance Fin has yet to find with her doctor or her mother.

Sick of the side effects, she stops taking Paxil

cold turkey, a bad decision that sends her into painful withdrawals. Rather than give up, she continues to talk with her mother and doctor about her obsessions. Little by little, she begins to understand OCD, obsessive-compulsive disorder. This understanding, paired with her experiences with Thayer, helps her find the inner strength to continue living.

Overall, this is a well-realized first novel. Chappell provides an informed and subtle exploration of a complicated problem. Readers, especially those dealing with their own obsessions, will relate to the author's likeable, realistic characters.

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



Reviewed by Kim Ventrella



BACK TO SCHOOL- FOR MLS STAFF

Since MLS is one of the primary information centers for the central Oklahoma community, putting life-long learning at the center of our work life seemed only natural.

The staff of your Metropolitan Library System is dedicated to providing you with the right stuff. That may come in the form of books, CDs, DVDs, audio books, magazines, newspapers, or online databases, but we'll have it here for you.

As important as it is to have what you need, it's equally important that we know how to find what you need and get it to you. We are committed to having up-to-date knowledge, skills, and abilities to deliver library services. That's why we created what we call "Metro University." It's just for us, but the benefits are all for you.

Since MLS is one of the primary information centers for the central Oklahoma community, putting life-long learning at the center of our work life seemed only natural.

"When we hire a new employee," said Stacy Schrank, MLS Employee Development Coordinator and President of the Continuing Library Education and Networking Exchange Round Table of the American Library Association, "we

always hire the person most qualified for the job, but we need to make sure he or she remains well qualified so we developed an in-house training component modeled after the college experience."

Stacy, whose background is in education, created Metro University when he joined the MLS team four years ago. He realized that employees respond well when they are trained by other employees, so while Metro U frequently works with outside consultants and trainers, the majority of the "faculty" is made up of subject matter

experts who are also library staff members. Beyond being just the "dean," Stacy is responsible for training the trainers.

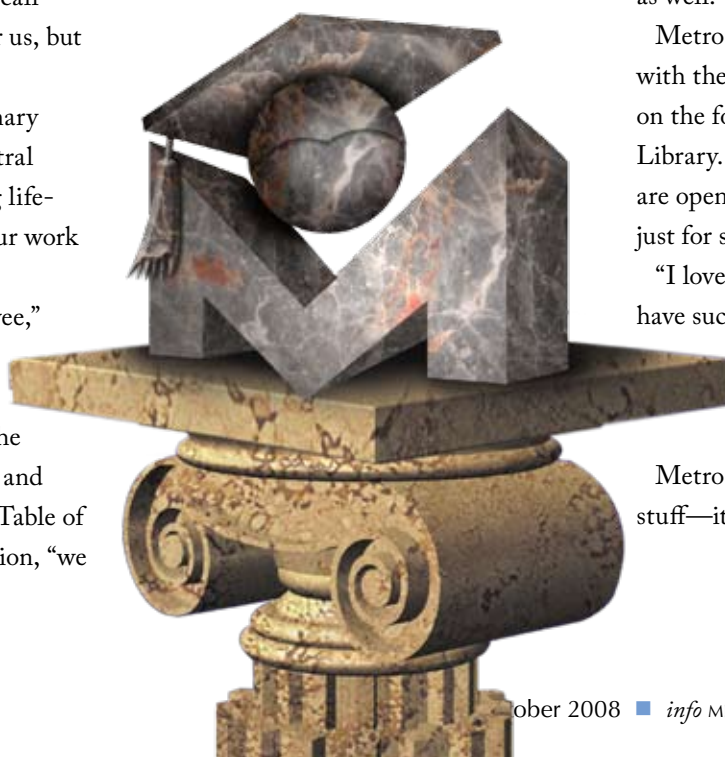
"We keep an eye on what other library systems are doing for in-house continuing education," Stacy added. "MLS has been doing it as long as anybody. Staff training was in place before I got here."

That's true, but Stacy is making it sleeker, more professional, and a lot more fun for staff. That's why so many classes have to be offered. Metro U's catalog lists around ten classes per month. Some colleges don't do as well.

Metro University is not to be confused with the College Consortium that is housed on the fourth floor of the Downtown Library. The classes the Consortium offers are open to the public. MLS' Metro U is just for staff and is a very private school.

"I love it," Stacy concluded, "that we can have such a good time while we develop and sharpen the skills we need to bring you the best library service in Oklahoma."

Metro University is not just the right stuff—it's the best stuff.





The Big Read Heats Up With **Fahrenheit 451**

We think that the ability to read is a pretty basic skill, but you might be surprised to find out that a lot of people choose not to read for pleasure, nor for any reason at all. A 2004 report from the National Education Association indicated a critical drop in American adults who read just for the fun of it. And as Mark Twain warned us, "A person who won't read has no advantage over one who can't read."

It was in response to that distressing NEA report that the National Endowment for the Arts, in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and in cooperation with Arts Midwest, created The Big Read.

The program is being hosted in Oklahoma County by Rose State College and your Metropolitan Library System. The book chosen for discussion here is Ray Bradbury's science fiction classic *Fahrenheit 451*. "After only three years, The Big Read is already the largest reading program in the United States. This one book, one county read is a great way to connect readers in Oklahoma County," said Sharon Saulmon, Director of the Rose State Learning Resources Center/Library.

In planning The Big Read, NEA's focus was on American literary classics that would appeal to a diverse audience. One of the books selected for community participation was *Fahrenheit 451*, Ray Bradbury's dystopian tale of a time in the near future when the job of firemen is to burn books because the government doesn't encourage education. The citizens have been so deadened by that time, controlled by media propaganda and drugs, they offer no resistance.

Originally published in 1953, the book has been called "more relevant than ever a half-century later. *Fahrenheit 451* has achieved the rare distinction of being both a literary classic and a perennial best seller." "I chose *Fahrenheit 451* for our Big Read book,"

Saulmon said. "Ray Bradbury is one of my favorite authors. He is really a librarian's author. He loves libraries and wrote this book by renting a typewriter for \$.10 for 30 minutes at the UCLA Library. He had small children at home and could not concentrate there. He would run up to the Library stacks and find information or a quote to include and continue writing.

"Of course, my other bias in selecting this book is the actual topic of the book. The powers that be controlling information and reading. Bradbury's intent was to condemn the media that was emerging in the 1950s. People in the book are surrounded by the electronic media and lose family connections. No books are freely available. People have to memorize books before they are burned to have the books again in the future."


But as serious as the book's themes are, area Big Read events promise to be a lot of fun.

"The Big Read is an amazing opportunity for Oklahoma City to explore one of the great works of literature," said Emily Williams, MLS' Big Read events coordinator.

"The library is hosting all kinds of fun Big Read programs in October to help bring people together as a community, encourage them to share ideas, and celebrate our shared love of reading."

"We've contacted dozens of local book clubs, many of which will join us in reading *Fahrenheit 451* this October," Emily Williams continued. "Free discussion guides will be available at the libraries and at other locations around the city for anyone else who wants to join in on the fun."

For more information about your Metropolitan Library System's Big Read events, check out our website at www.metrolibrary.org. To learn more about the Big Read concept, visit the Big Read website at www.neabigread.org/.



Schedule of Big Read Events

Sunday, September 28 - Wednesday, October 15

Ray Bradbury Exhibit and Bibliography
Location: Rose State College Learning
Resources Center, Midwest City, Oklahoma 73110

Thursday, October 2

10:30 am
"Fahrenheit 451" Kick-Off Event
Location: Rose State College Humanities
Building, Midwest City, OK 73110

6:00 pm
"Fahrenheit 451" Book Discussion
Location: Choctaw Library, 2525 Muzzy Street,
Choctaw, Oklahoma 73020

7:00 pm
"Fahrenheit 451" Book Discussion
Location: Bethany Library, 3510 N. Mueller,
Bethany, OK 73008

Saturday, October 4

9:00 am
Banned Books Week Book Giveaway
Location: Belle Isle Library, 5501 N. Villa,
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

10:00 am
Choctaw Pageturner's Club
Location: Choctaw Library, Choctaw, OK 73020

Tuesday, October 14

10:00 am
Firefighter Visit
Location: Choctaw Library, Choctaw, OK 73020

Wednesday, October 15

12:30 pm
"Fahrenheit 451" Book Discussion
Location: Rose State College Learning
Resources Center, Midwest City, OK 73110

6:00 pm
"Fahrenheit 451": The Movie
Location: Downtown Library, 300 Park Avenue,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102

Thursday, October 16

7:00 pm
"Fahrenheit 451" Art & Essay Contest Reception
Location: Warr Acres Library, 5901 NW 63rd,
Warr Acres, OK 73132

Saturday, October 18

1:00 pm
"Fahrenheit 451" Movie Screening and Book
Discussion
Location: Edmond Library, 10 S. Boulevard,
Edmond, Oklahoma 73034

Monday, October 20

7:30 am
Altered Books Exhibit
Location: Rose State College, Midwest City,
OK 73110

3:00 pm
"Fahrenheit 451" Book Discussion
Location: Village Library, 10307 N.
Pennsylvania, The Village, OK 73120

Tuesday, October 21

7:30 am
Altered Books Exhibit
Location: Rose State College, Midwest City,
OK 73110

Wednesday, October 22

7:30 am
Altered Books Exhibit
Location: Rose State College, Midwest City,
OK 73110

Thursday, October 23

7:30 am
Altered Books Exhibit
Location: Rose State College, Midwest City,
OK 73110

7:30 pm
"Fahrenheit 451" Reader's Theatre
Location: Rose State College H. B. Atkinson
Theatre, Midwest City, OK 73110

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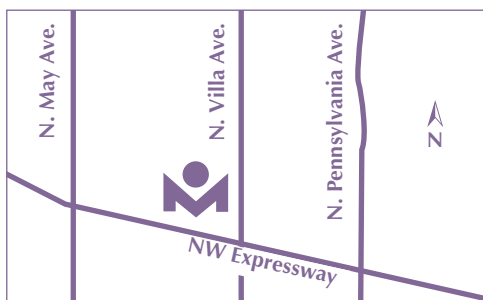
All MLS libraries will be closed Monday, October 13 for Staff Development Day.

Belle Isle Library

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

HOURS

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



Score Small Business Counseling

Oct 4,18 | 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.

The Big Read Book Giveaway

Oct 4 | Sat | 9a-5p

Adults

Come get your free copy of *Fahrenheit 451* in celebration of Banned Books Week and the Big Read! While supplies last. Co-sponsor: Rose State College.

Aboriginal Australia—Stories, Music, & Images

Oct 6 | Mon | 7-8p

All ages

Yidumduma Bill Harney, Elder and Senior Custodian of the Wardaman people of the North Territory of Australia, and Australian



storyteller and musician Paul Taylor will tour together performing and teaching the cultural richness of Aboriginal Australia. Their multi-media performances feature stories, music and images from the Wardaman people. Audiences will have a rare opportunity to learn these stories and music from one of the last living Elders of the Aboriginal people. It is Yidumduma's desire that as many as possible hear about his people. Co-sponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library, Oklahoma Arts Council, & National Endowment for the Arts

Parent Talk & Teacher Talk Oct 9 | Thur | 12:30-3:30p For parents and caregivers of children 12 and younger

Are you looking for new parenting ideas? Are you looking for answers to important questions about your child? If so, then Parent Talk may be for you. Parent Talk provides parents and caregivers individual appointments to talk about concerns, or ask questions about behavior and child development. Call 425-4412 for an appointment. FREE.



A Living History:

1900 Guthrie

Oct 12 | Sun | 2-3p

All ages

Statehood Day will soon be upon us. Come and relive history with a visitor from 1900s Guthrie in Oklahoma Territory. Barbara Byrd will re-enact a typical Guthrie woman, Stella Louise Wilson, as we learn about her life and times. Refreshments provided. Sign up at the Reference Desk.



Author Event: An Evening with Ranny Grady Oct 8 | Wed | 7-8p

Ages 6-Adult

This is a chance to meet Ranny Grady and hear the story of "Lou's Dirty Dozen." "Lou's Dirty Dozen" is a novel based upon true events, embellished to add excitement for the reader. It is a story told through the eyes and heart of a ten-year-old girl (the author's

mother, who will soon turn 94) through her early adult life. It is about her remarkable mother, Lula, who was widowed in 1929 with a dozen children. The story depicts the struggles and great achievements of Lula and her family. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Sign up at the Reference Desk.

Metro OKC Knit Guild Group Meeting Oct 19 | Sun | 3-5p

Teens and adults

The Metro OKC Knit Guild group is meeting at Belle Isle. Everyone--any knitter or a person who's never knitted, but would like to learn--is welcome. Each monthly program includes a lesson of a new knitting technique and examples of charity knitting projects. October's lesson is "Color Knitting." For information about the group, call 8485174 or e-mail metrookccknitguild@gmail.com

Horror Makeup

Oct 25 | Sat | 2-3p

Ages 12-17

Learn how to make scars, bruises, warts, and all kinds of gross stuff to wear on your face. An artist will demonstrate makeup effects so your ghoulish faces can look more authentic on Halloween or any other time you want to look scary. This free program is part of October's Teen Read Month "Books with Bite" celebration. Please pre-register.



Teens

Happy Halloween

Oct 29 | Wed | 10-10:45a

Pre-kindergarten

Spooky stories will be shared by Miss B. Wear your Halloween costume and parade through the library with Miss B to get in the Halloween spirit. Pre-registration begins Oct. 1st.





TRIP AROUND THE WORLD

Asia • Africa • Latin America

3rd - 6th graders will have loads of fun while learning about the cultures of Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

Call (405) 606-3837 for more information.



The Village Library	Sept. 13	2:00pm-3:30pm	(Latin America)
Midwest City Library	Sept. 25	6pm-7:30pm	(Latin America)
Warr Acres Library	Oct. 18	2:00pm-3:30pm	(Africa)
Southern Oaks Library	Oct. 21	6:30pm-8:00pm	(Africa)
Edmond Library	Nov. 8	2:00pm-3:30pm	(Asia)
Belle Isle Library	Nov. 17	6:00pm-7:30pm	(Asia)
Downtown Library	Feb. 7	2:00pm-3:30pm	(Africa)

Bethany Library	Feb. 19	6:30pm-8:00pm	(Africa)
Choctaw Library	Mar. 5	6:00pm-7:30pm	(Asia)
Del City Library	Mar. 21	2:00pm-3:30pm	(Asia)
Capitol Hill Library	Apr. 9	5:30pm-7:00pm	(Latin America)



Bethany Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Toddler Story and Playtime

Oct 2, 16 | Thur

9:30a-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.



Banned Books Week and Fahrenheit 451

Oct 2 | Thur | 7-8p

Teen and adults

Professor Toni Castillo of Rose State College will lead a discussion on the many issues and themes in *Fahrenheit 451* and how it relates to Banned Books Week. Refreshments will be served after the program.

Space Science Technology

RMA Relay

Oct 4 | Sat | 2-3:30p

Grades 5-12

Experience hands-on science from the International Space Station with a teacher from SCIENCE MUSEUM OKLAHOMA! The Remote Manipulator Arms used on board the Space Shuttle and Space Station are key players in completing the construction of the International Space Station. RMA's are used in lifting space station modules and equipment from the shuttle's cargo bay, handing them off to the space station's longer arm and placing them into the correct position for connecting to the space station. Team up with friends to complete an RMA design and hand off simulated space station modules to each other. Pre-register at the Information desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3



Child Guidance: Parent Talk

Oct 6 | Mon | 1-4p

Ages birth to 5 years with Parent/Guardian

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



Tools for Effective Parenting

Oct 6 | Mon

6:30-7:30p

For parents/legal guardian

This last part of a five session course will help promote good parent-child relationships. You will be learning basic parenting skills including effective play, praising, limit setting, ignoring, time out, natural/logical consequences and problem solving. Classes will be led by Katherine Broekhuysen sponsored by Oklahoma City-County Health Dept. Pre-register at 425-4412.



Aboriginal Australia—Stories, Music, & Images

Oct 7 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p arts & entertainment

All ages

Yidumduma Bill Harney, Elder and Senior Custodian of the Wardaman people of the North Territory of Australia, and Australian storyteller and musician Paul Taylor will tour together performing and teaching the cultural richness of Aboriginal Australia. Their multi-media performances feature stories, music and images from the Wardaman people. Audiences will have a rare opportunity to learn these stories and music from one of the last living Elders of the Aboriginal people. It is Yidumduma's desire that as many as possible hear about his people. Co-sponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library, Oklahoma Arts Council, & National Endowment for the Arts.



Fall Storytime

Oct 9, 23 | Thur

10-10:45a

Ages 3-6

Enjoy stories, songs, nursery rhymes and a fun craft. For child with an adult. Please pre-register at the Information Desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.



The Children's Hour:

Evening Story Time

Oct 14 | Tue | 6:30-7p

Ages 3-8

Share a half-hour of fun with your child! Enjoy stories, songs and nursery rhymes.



Pre-register at the library Information Desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.

Soap Making for Gifts

Oct 16 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p

Teen and Adult

Add a personal touch to your gifts this year or make soap for yourself. Kelly Thompson will be the instructor for this free class. Refreshments served after the program. Pre-register by calling 789-8363, ext. 3.

Coffee, Tea and Games

Oct 17 | Fri | 10-11:30a

Adults and seniors

Fun! Snacks! Board games, and card games. We want you to come to the Bethany Library and have fun with other adults wanting to play. We furnish the place, the games and the food. Get together with us on the 3rd Friday of each month.

Travels with Dr. Ron

Oct 23 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p

Teen and adult

Join us as traveler Dr. Ron Smith gives a presentation on his travels to Sudan, the Red Sea, Australia and his filming with sharks. Slides will be shown on this educational and entertaining evening. Dr. Smith will have pictures for purchase and signing. Refreshments will be served after the event.

Children Reading to Dogs

Oct 25 | Sat | 10:30-11:30a

Ages 5 and older

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



Halloween Fun for Little Ones

Oct 29 | 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-register by signing up at the Information Desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.



Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me

Oct 30 | Thur | 10-11a

10 Months-3 1/2 years

with Parents/Legal Guardian

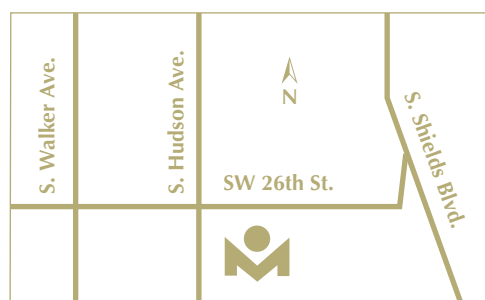
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Capitol Hill Library
334 SW 26th St., OKC
(405) 634-6308

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



Conversational Spanish

Oct 6,20,27 | Mon

5:30-7p

Adults

Conversational Spanish class for Fall 2008. This course is intended to teach basic Spanish speaking skills (Who, What, When, and Where). The class will meet for 13 sessions starting on Monday, September 8th, and will continue on Monday evenings until December 8th, 2008. This program requires pre-registration. Please call 634-6308 to register for this course, or to find out more information about the class.



Soap Making

Oct 18 | Sat | 11a-12:30p

Adults

This program will demonstrate the process of making soap. Soap creations can be made for yourself, given as gifts, or used as a room decoration. Participants will receive a free soap sample. Register at 634-6308.

Horror Makeup

Oct 23 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p

Teens

Learn how to make scars, bruises, warts, and all kinds of gross stuff to wear on your face. An artist will demonstrate makeup effects so your ghoulish faces can look more authentic on Halloween or any other time you want



Teens

to look scary. This free program is part of October's Teen Read Month "Books with Bite" celebration. Please pre-register.

Halloween Open House

Oct 25 | Sat | 1-3p

All Ages

Join us for magic tricks and comedy with performer John Pansze. Crafts and book giveaway with follow his program. Welcome to children, teens and parents.

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

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



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

Oct 1,8,15,22,29 | Wed | 5:30-6:30-p

Age 10-16

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

T'ai Chi With Chris Francis-Intermediate-Advanced Group

Oct 1,8,15,22,29 | Wed | 6:30-7:30-p

Age 16 and older

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

The Big Read Book Discussion

Oct 2 | Thur | 6-7p

Teens and adults

Fahrenheit 451 is a classic novel with themes that remain highly relevant today. Join us as Professor Julia Lesko-Bishop leads an exploration through the book and its relationship to the book-banning phenomenon and the

First Amendment. Participate in games to win prizes, too! Refreshments will be provided. Co-sponsor: Rose State College.

Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me

Oct 3,10,17 | Fri | 10-11a

10 Months-3 1/2 years

with Parents/Legal Guardian



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Choctaw Library's Pageturner's Club and The Big Read Discussion

Oct 4 | Sat | 10-11:30a

Adults

Choctaw Library Pageturner's Club meets once a month, usually the first Saturday. *Fahrenheit 451* will be discussed.

GED

Oct 6,8,15,20,22,27,29

Mon & Wed | 9-11a

16 years & older

Attend free GED classes on Mondays and Wednesday at the Choctaw Library. Review English, social studies, science and math skills in preparation for the GED test. Materials are provided. Students are encouraged to use the Learning Express ONLINE practice tests database at the library website: www.metrolibrary.org Classes are open to students 16 years and older who are not currently enrolled in high school. For students age 16-17, an official withdrawal slip is required. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Community College and State Dept. of Ed.



Child Guidance Parent Talk

Oct 6 | Mon | 12:30-4p

Birth to 5 yrs



For parents and caregivers of young children. Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development as well as any parenting questions you may have in the areas of speech, language, development and behavior. Call 425-4421 to register. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

Conversational Spanish

Oct 6,20,27 | Mon

5-6p

Teens and adults

All levels of students have an opportunity to practice and improve their language skills.



Native speaker Maria Bozarth will lead these sessions. Pre-registration required.

Lapsit Story Time

Oct 7,21,28 | 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 7,21,28 | 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.



Author Visit: An Evening with Ranny Grady

Oct 7 | Tue | 6-7:30p

Adults

You are invited to hear the author of *Lou's Dirty Dozen*, based on the author's mother Jessie and her rearing 12 children. Grady's book will be available for purchase and autographing. Light refreshments will be served.

Teen Advisory Board

Oct 9 | Thur | 6-6:30p

Grades 7-12

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) will meet once a month to discuss books, plan for teen programs and have fun. Come contribute your ideas and be a part of the Choctaw TAB. Volunteer credit is available. Call 390-8418 or stop by the Reference Desk.



Horror Makeup

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

Teens

Learn how to make scars, bruises, warts, and all kinds of gross stuff to wear on your face. An artist will demonstrate makeup effects so your ghoulish faces can look more authentic on Halloween or any other time you want to look scary. This free program is part of October's Teen Read Month "Books with Bite" celebration. Please pre-register.



Family Place Open Play

Oct 11 | Sat | 10-11a

Ages 6 months to 5 years with Parents/Legal Guardian

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



Between Books

Oct 11 | Sat | 2:30-3:30p

Grades 4-6

Share favorite reads and stretch your reading comfort zone. Participate in fun book related activities, games, and crafts. Pre-register at 390-8418.

Lapsit Story Time and Firefighter Visit

Oct 14 | 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. Stay after story time for a firefighter visit—part of The Big Read!



Preschool Story Time and Firefighter Visit

Oct 14 | Tue | 10:30-11a

Ages 3-5 years

Come to the library for stories, songs, fingerplays, and fun. Come early for a firefighter visit at 10am. Please pre-register or call 390-8418 for more information.



Slimy Goo Fun: Science w/Dr. Jackson

Oct 14 | Tue | 6-7:30p

Ages 10-16

Dr Gaines Jackson, retired Rose State College professor, will lead this fun science program demonstrating the many facets of producing polymers and other gooey creations that "GLOW" in the dark. Space is limited. Pre-registration required. Co-sponsor: Total Environmental Services & Testing, Inc.

Children Reading to Dogs

Oct 15 | Wed | 4-5p

Children who can read

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



Heartland Singers Concert

Oct 21 | Tue

6:30-7:30p

All ages

The Heartland Singers under the direction of Chris Moore will present a medley of spirit-filled songs. The Heartland Singers are comprised of women from Central Oklahoma. Free and open to the public.



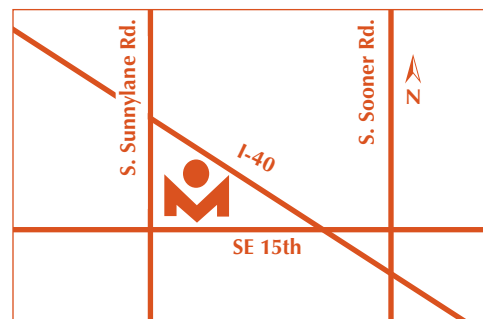
Del City Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Storytime Aerobics

Oct 2 | Thur | 6:30-7p

Ages 1-5

Come for lots of movement! There will be juice and stories, too.



Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me

Oct 3,10,17,24 | Wed

10-11a

10 Months-3 1/2 years with parents or guardians

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Aboriginal Australia—Stories, Music, & Images

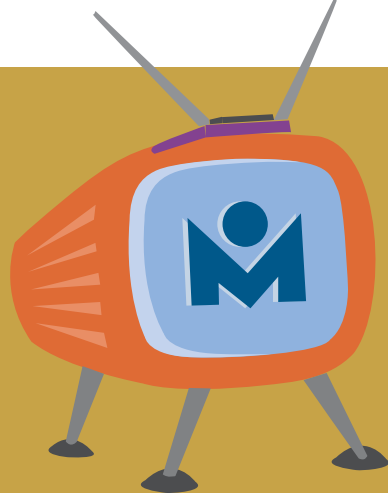
Oct 8 | Wed

6:30-7:30p

All ages

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Read About It

Discussions with Authors & Book Reviews

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

OKLAHOMA CITY— Oklahoma football, a teenager on the run, and a family with 12 children are a few of the subjects that will be featured on 'Read About It,' the cable TV show brought to you by the Metropolitan Library System. This month, hostess B.J. Williams will welcome the following guests.

October 4 Debrah Williamson will discuss *Paper Hearts*, her latest novel.

Guests and program schedules are subject to change without notice.

October 11 Ranny Grady, a former teacher, will discuss his book, *Lou's Dirty Dozen*.

October 18 Bob Burke, local attorney and award-winning author, will discuss *OU Touch Down Club*.

October 25 Bob Burke returns to discuss his book *WPA in Oklahoma*.

of the Metropolitan Library, Oklahoma Arts Council, & National Endowment for the Arts.

GameFest

Oct 11 | Sat | 2-3p

Ages 6-11

Come play video games at the library! Lisa Wood will be at Del City to share a variety of video games. Join the fun.

Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County

Oct 16 | Thur | 3:30-5p

Del City Library

4509 S.E. 15th

Del City, OK 73115

405.672.1377

The public is welcome to attend.



Horror Makeup

Oct 18 | Sat | 1-2p

Teens

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Teens

"The Gang That Couldn't Shoot Straight: The Timothy McVeigh Defense Team"

Oct 21 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

Adults

Ever wonder why Timothy McVeigh was convicted so quickly while Terry Nichols was not? OU law Professor Randy Coyne will explore this topic with you at the Del City Library. Call 672-1377 to pre-register. Did McVeigh's attorneys defend him to the best of their abilities or not? Were they as anxious as everyone else to bring closure to the horrific Oklahoma City bombing case?

Halloween Storytime

Oct 28 | Tue | 6:30-7:15p

Ages 4-8

Storytime celebrates Halloween! There will be stories, other activities, and the Del City Library Annual Monster March. So, children should wear their costumes!

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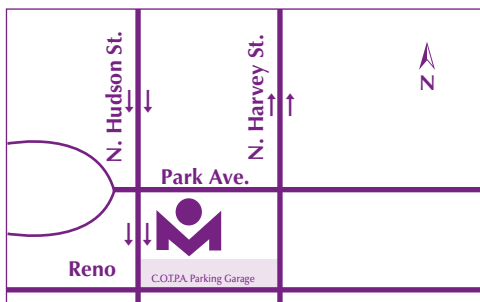
Downtown Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6



Wednesday Night at the Movies

Oct 1,8,15,22 | Wed | 6-8p

All ages

Join the Downtown Library for Wednesday Night at the Movies! For more information call 606-3876. See Oct. 29 for a special viewing. The October movie schedule is:

- Oct 1: *10 Things I Hate About You* (PG-13)
- Oct 8: *Romeo + Juliet* (PG-13)
- Oct 15: *Fahrenheit 451* (PG)
- Oct 22: *Howard's End* (PG)

Noon Tunes

Oct 2,9,16,23,30 | Thur
11:30a-1p

All ages

Music in the Atrium! Enjoy high entertainment during lunch. Food is available for purchase in the 1st Edition Cafe. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Metropolitan Library System. Music groups performing in October are:

- Oct 2: *Justin Echols*
- Oct 9: *Crosswinds Reeds Trio*
- Oct 16: *Suspicious Contra Band*
- Oct 23: *Wilson Elementary Strings & Choir*
- Oct 30: *Arabesque*

Family Place: 1-2-3 Play With Me

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Birth-5 years with
parent/guardian

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parents/guardians. Pre-register for this program at the Children's Desk, ext. 4.

Aboriginal Australia— Stories, Music, & Images

Oct 5 | Sun | 2-3p

All ages

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The Joy of Mozart: An Amazing Grace

Oct 12 | Sun | 2p

All ages

As part of the Second Sunday Series pianist Wayne McEvilly will perform Mozart's Sonatas 15-17. Admission is free. Seating is limited and begins at 1:30 p.m. in the 46th Star Auditorium. This concert is also part of a series of Mozart concerts offered at several MLS locations through October.



Downtown Library After Dark Twilight Party

Oct 18 | Sat | 7p-Midnight
Ages 11-18/Grades 7-12

It's the 3rd Annual Downtown Library After Dark! This year we're celebrating Stephenie Meyer's Twilight series with a Twilight Party from 7pm - midnight! Come join the fun with a vampire-themed party full of games, food, music, prizes, and more! Come dressed as your favorite character to participate in the costume contest. This free program is part of October's Teen Read Month "Books with Bite" celebration. Registration form with a parent signature is required. For more information contact Kimberly Ann Edwards at 606-3876.



Spooky Stories and Legends for the Kids

Oct 26 | Sun | 2-3p

Elementary age

Come listen to author and story teller Greg Rodgers tell spooky stories and legends at the Downtown Library. For more information, call the Downtown Children's Reference Desk at 606-3862.

Modern Marvels: Jewish Adventures in the Graphic Novel

Oct 6,27 | Mon | 7-8:30p

Adults

The Downtown Library continues its series of book discussions utilizing graphic novels. Modern Marvels: Jewish Adventures in the Graphic Novel is a series that includes five Jewish artists' experiment with words and pictures to tell stories of childhood, war, and desire; to conjure up lost worlds, both real and imaginary; and to contemplate history, myth, and the individual psyche. These discussions will be led by scholar Orit Rabkin, OU doctoral candidate in American Literature and is part of the American Library Association "Let's Talk About It" project. The Oct. 6 Graphic Novel is: *Julius Knipl, Real Estate Photographer* by Ben Katchor and the Oct. 27 Graphic Novel is *The Quitter* by Harvey Pekar. For questions and further information call Harry Hoang, 606-3876. Co-sponsors: Jewish Federation of Greater Oklahoma City, Nextbook & The American Library Association.



Wednesday Night at the Movies

Oct 29 | Wed | Noon-9p

Ages 13 and older

Boo! Join the Downtown Library for a marathon of scary movies in celebration of Halloween. Please call 606-3876 for more information.

Child Guidance Parent Talk

Oct 30 | Thur | 9a-Noon
For parents/teachers
of children 12 and younger

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



BOOKS WITH BITE.

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*Take a Bite from the 5 Basic Mood Groups
(the Teen Read Month Mood, that is):*

Horror Makeup

Oct. 9 6:30pm Choctaw Library
Oct. 11 2:00pm Edmond Library
Oct. 18 1:00pm Del City Library
Oct. 21 6:30pm The Village Library
Oct. 23 6:30pm Capitol Hill Library
Oct. 25 2:00pm Belle Isle Library

Twilight Party

Oct. 16 6:30pm Southern Oaks Library
Oct. 18 2:00pm Midwest City Library
Oct. 18 7:00pm Downtown Library

Monster Puppets

Oct. 28 4:00pm Midwest City Library

Cosplay Contest

Oct. 30 6:30pm Southern Oaks Library

Scary Story Writing Contest for Teens

Entries accepted October 1-31:
Ralph Ellison Library

Question? Call 606-3834



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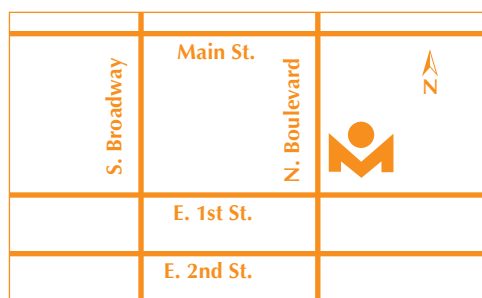
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Edmond Library

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

HOURS

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



The Edmond Library will be closed Oct. 20 to Nov. 1 to install new carpeting. (dates may change.)

55+ Coffee Break

Oct 1,8,15 | 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, enjoy Scrabble, or bring your own game. We will have some books on the side for you to browse.

Computer Instruction with Eddie

Oct 1,8,15 | Wed | 1-5p
Ages 18 & older

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



Preventing Identity Theft

Oct 2 | Thur | 10:30-11:15a
Adults

Keith Carter of Money Concepts will help you to understand and prevent this crime. Identity theft is also known as identity fraud. It is fraud perpetuated by a criminal who assumes someone else's identity. Don't fall prey to these schemes. Stop identity theft now.

Children Reading to Dogs

Oct 2,9,16 | Thur | 6-7:30p
Children who can read

Read to a specially trained dog who loves to hear a good book! Dogs with their owners will be in the library to be read to by children. The dogs particularly enjoy hearing one of the dog stories we will have, but you can



bring your own book. It is especially valuable in building self confidence and self-esteem for those needing an uncritical, appreciative, listening audience to improve reading skills. All dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams, and most through Therapy Dogs International. Sessions last approximately 15-20 minutes.

Stamp Club

Oct 4,18 | Sat | 10a-Noon
4th Grade and older

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

Franklin and Eleanor

Oct 4 | Sat | 2-3p
Adults

Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt were the most influential and inspiring people of their time. Their leadership will live forever in the annals of world history. In this re-creation, Erma Stewart and Dr. Gary Gray will present an hour in the lives of these two brilliant people.



Farsi Language Class

Oct 5,12,19 | Sun
1:30-2:30p
Adults

Learn the Farsi (Persian) 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 written and spoken Farsi will be introduced.



Preschool Story Time Time

Oct 6 | Mon | 10-10:30a
Ages 3-6

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



Lapsit, Playtime and Storytime

Oct 7 | Tue | 9:30-10a
10:15-10:45a & 11-11:30a
Ages Birth-2 Years

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



Child Guidance Parent Talk

Oct 8 | Wed | 10:30a-4p
Children 1 month-5 Years with parent

This is a great opportunity to book a free one-on-one consultation 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 and/or legal guardian. Consultations are by appointment only and take approximately 1 hour. Parents, sign up early as appointment slots fill up fast! Consultants: Robyn Sears, Ms., CCPS, CFLE and Louise Hagar M.S., CCC-SLP Child Guidance at 425-4412 to pre-register. Co-Sponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Dept.

So Many Books, So Little Time Story Hour

Oct 9 | Thur | 3:45-4:45p
Grades 1-3

Join us for a story time devoted to our favorite authors or special themes. We'll have stories to read or tell and activities or crafts to go along with them. Pre-register beginning Oct. 1 by calling 341-9282,x4 or stop by the Children's Desk at the library.

Aboriginal Australia—Stories, Music, & Images

Oct 9 | Thur | 7-8p
All ages

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Music With Susan

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

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



Music With Susan

Oct 10 | Fri | 11-11:30a
Ages 4-5

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



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

Reader's Choice Book Discussion

Oct 11 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon

Seniors

This month's selection is *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed* by Jared Diamond. Discussion questions will be at the Reference Desk the week before the program. Reserve your copy through the library.

Edmond Book Bunch Discussion Group

Oct 11 | Sat | 2-3:30p

Seniors

The Edmond Book Bunch meets once a month at the Edmond Library. The title for this month's discussion is *The Double Bind* by Chris Bohjalian. Although the group is currently full please call 341-9282 to get on the waiting list after Sept. 13. (Limited to 15.)

Horror Makeup

Oct 11 | Sat | 2-3p

Teens

Learn how to make scars, bruises, warts, and all kinds of gross stuff to wear on your face. An artist will demonstrate makeup effects so your ghoulish faces can look more authentic on Halloween or any other time you want to look scary. This free program is part of October's Teen Read Month "Books with Bite" celebration. Please pre-register.



Quilt Trunk Show with Judy Howard

Oct 11 | Sat | 2-3p

Adults

Enjoy a wide variety of quilts and quilting techniques presented by Judy Howard, owner of Buckboard Antiques. This will be followed by light refreshments. Enjoy the wide variety of quilts that Judy will present.

Family Place: 1-2-3 Play With Me

Oct 14 | Tue | 10-11a and

11a-Noon

10 months-3 1/2 years

with parent or Guardian

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



Chess Club for Kids

Oct 14 | Tue | 3:30-5p

Ages 8 and older

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

Guitar Basics for Beginners

Oct 14 | Tue | 7-8p

Adults

Bill Thompson is a local musician who enjoys composing music and teaching guitar. In this session, he will teach an introductory guitar class to adults, ages 18 through seniors. Students will learn how to hold their guitars, and play 3 basic chords. By the end of the hour-long session, students will have all the tools they need to play a song, which they will practice in class. Free! Bring your own guitar and a pick. Space is limited to 15. Call 341-9282 to register.

Sustainable Edmond

Oct 14 | Tue | 7-9p

Adults

Sustainable Edmond is a chapter of Sustainable Oklahoma. The emphasis of this group includes smart planning for growth, "green" opportunities for residential and commercial developers, and maintaining civic discourse on environmental topics.

Readers' Theatre: Acting Without Memorizing

Oct 16 | Thur | 3:45-4:45p

Ages 8-11

Do you like to be in plays, but you don't want to memorize your part? Do you like to talk like other people or animals? Can you sound like a wizard, a king, a grumpy bear or a robot? Then Readers' Theatre might be just the thing for you! Join us and try out this fun and easy way to develop your acting talents. Please pre-register, Beginning Oct. 1, by calling 341-9282, x 4 or stop by the Children's Desk at the library.

Story Time with Angela

Oct 18 | Sat | 10:30-11:15a

Ages 4-6

Would you like to get a start on your Halloween costume? Join Miss Angela for Halloween stories and a mask-making craft. Register beginning Oct. 1. Call 341-9282, x4 or stop by the Children's Desk.



Fahrenheit 451 Screening

Oct 18 | Sat | 1-4p

Teens and adults

How would you live in a world where books are banned? Or do you hate to read... but what if it wasn't allowed? Join us for a Saturday afternoon movie, a screening of *Fahrenheit 451*. Teens and adults will enjoy this classic movie about intellectual freedom. Co-sponsor: Rose State College.

Sound of Music Singalong

Oct 19 | Sun | 2-4p

All Ages

The Staff of the Edmond Library requests the pleasure of your company for our "Sound of Music" Singalong. Not only will you be able to see the movie, the words and music lyrics will be provided in subtitles, so bring your voices with you. Bring the family and enjoy an afternoon watching Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer in this classic Rogers and Hammerstein film. We are proud to show our appreciation for our customers during October. Feel free to bring your own popcorn and soda. We will have light refreshments.



Harrah Library

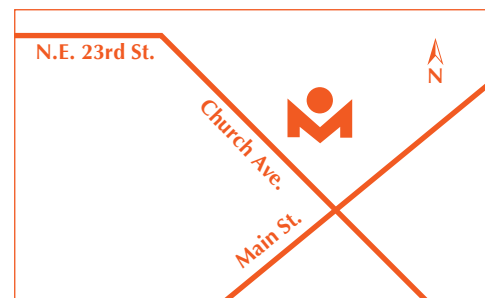
1930 N. Church Ave., Harrah
(405) 454-2001

HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9:30-6

Sun: Closed

Fri & Sat: 9-5



Children Reading to Dogs

"Tail Waggin Tutors"

Oct 1,8,15,22,29 | Wed

3-5p

Grades 2-6

Therapy dog Duke will be available to be read to by children from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. each Wednesday in October. Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29. Call the library at 454-2001 for information.



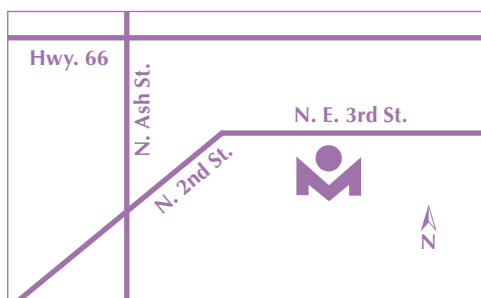
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Luther Library

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

HOURS

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



Gamefest

Oct 29 | Wed | 3-5p

Teens

Bring your friends and come play video games at the library! Our games include Guitar Hero, DDR, MarioKart, Rock Band, Super Smash Bros and more. Games are rated E, E10+, and T.

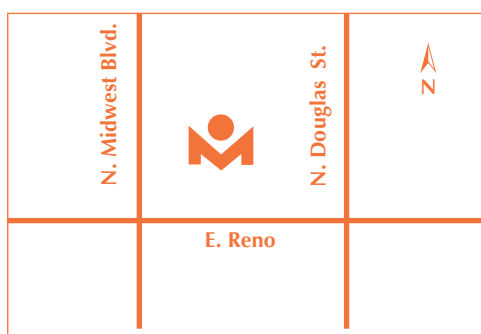


Midwest City Library

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

HOURS

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



Oklahoma Watercolor Association Annual Exhibit

Oct 1-31 | Library Hours

All Ages

The Midwest City Library is pleased to host the annual Oklahoma Watercolor Association's Traveling Exhibit during the month of October. The exhibit, to be on display in the Lobby Gallery, features the work of Oklahoma artists from across the state. The exhibit is free and open to the public all library hours.

The Tuskegee Airmen of Oklahoma City Exhibit

Oct 1-31 | Library Hours

All Ages

The Oklahoma City chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen Foundation will be featured in a display at the Midwest City Library throughout the month of October. The purpose of the Chapter is to bring together in a spirit of goodwill and friendship all persons who share in the aspirations, frustrations, trials, and successes of the men and women who pioneered in military aviation in the Tuskegee Experiment of the United States Army Air Corps and in aviation in general. The local chapter also encourages and supports the aspirations of all youth, particularly minority youth, in the fields of Aviation and Aerospace Sciences, to encourage them to excellence and high achievement. The exhibit is free and open to the public all library hours.

Parachute Play

Oct 1 | Wed | 10:30-11a

Ages 3-6 with Parents

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



Scottish Gaelic Language Learner's Group

Oct 1,15,29 | Wed

7-8:30p

Ages 10 & older

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



Book Bug Club

Oct 2 | Thur | 4-5p

Grades 1-3

Join us in the Book Bug Club! We will have a snack, play a game and make a craft. We will be discussing the Wiley and Grampa's Creature Features Series by Kirk Scroggs. 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 Safety Education

Oct 4 | Sat | 9a-2:30p

Ages 10 and older

This home-study-based course is designed to improve your hunter safety skills and

performance on hunter safety tests. You must either obtain a workbook directly from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation or pick up a workbook up at the Midwest City Library. You must complete the workbook prior to class and bring it with you to the class. Specific details about the ODWC Hunter's Education program can also be viewed online at www.wildlifedepartment.com/hunted2.htm. Participants ages 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required, call 732-4828.

Dog Bite Prevention

Oct 4 | Sat | 10:30-11:30a

All Ages

Bring the kids to the library to learn skills that will help keep them safe around dogs. This program teaches children how to read dog body language, how to act safely around their own dogs and what to do when approached by strange dogs. Please call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign-up. Co-sponsor: Creatures and Kids.

Community Quilting Class with Soldier Creek Quilting Group

Oct 6,20,27 | 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.

Preschool Storytime

Oct 6,20,27 | Mon
10-10:30a and 11-11:30a

Ages 2-5 with parents

Join us for story time! There will be songs, fingerplays, rhymes, occasional crafts and special stories. Come and join the fun! All children should be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. Please call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.



Mid-Del Toastmasters

Oct 7,14,21,28 | Tue | 6-8p

Adults

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

Aboriginal Australia

Experience the cultural richness of Aboriginal Australia through the stories and music of Yidumduma Bill Harney, Elder and Senior custodian of the Wardaman people, and Paul Taylor, Australian storyteller, musician and theater artist.

Downtown Library

Sunday, October 5
2:00pm

Belle Isle Library

Monday, October 6
7:00pm

Bethany Library

Tuesday, October 7
6:30pm

The Village Library

Wednesday, October 8
10:30am

Del City Library

Wednesday, October 8
6:30pm

Edmond Library

Thursday, October 9
7:00pm

Warr Acres Library

Friday, October 10
4:00pm



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Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Metropolitan Library System, the Oklahoma Arts Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Midwest City Library continued.

Children Reading to Dogs

Oct 7,14 | Tue | 7-8p

Children who can read

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



German Language Class

Oct 7,14,21,28 | Tue | 7-8p

Ages 10 and older

This course will teach basic German language conversational skills. The class will meet on Tuesday nights from October through December. A small materials fee will apply. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. To register call Hannelore Chan at 399-5732.



Talk It Up! Book Club

Oct 9 | Thur | 4-5p

Grades 4-6

Join us in the Talk It Up! Book Club. We will be discussing Book One of the Percy Jackson & the Olympians series: *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan. Come for snacks, games and Greek mythology! 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.

Free Flu Shots

Oct 10 | Fri | 9a-3p

Adults and Seniors

Generations Health Care will be giving free flu shots at the Midwest City Library. The number of shots available is limited, so come early! When they're gone, they're gone. Co-sponsor: Generations Health Care.

Pajama Story Night

Oct 14 | Tue | 7-7:30p

Ages 2-8 with Parents

Bedtime stories for children of all ages. Put on your pajamas and grab your favorite stuffed friend. We will 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.

Philosopher's Cafe

Oct 16 | Thur | 4-5p

Grades 3-6

How do you know you're here? Can a ques-

tion 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 Information Desk to sign up.

AAA Motor Vehicle Crash Prevention Course

Oct 18 | Sat | 9a-4p

Licensed drivers

Save money on your auto insurance and become a safer driver. Mark Sprayberry, a certified AAA instructor, will be conducting this class. A small materials fee will apply; AAA members will receive a discount. Pre-registration is required. Call Becci at (800) AAA-CLUB (222-2582). Co-sponsor: AAA.

Twilight Party

Oct 18 | Sat | 2-4p

Teens

Come join the fun! We're celebrating Stephenie Meyer's Twilight series with a vampire-themed party full of games, food, music, prizes, and more! Come dressed as your favorite character to participate in the costume contest. This free program is part of October's Teen Read Month "Books with Bite" celebration. Please pre-register. Teens, if you want to be on the party planning committee, contact your YA librarian.



MC/DC Lupus Support Group

Oct 25 | Sat | 1-3p

All Ages

This support group is for those who have lupus, as well as family, friends, & caregivers. For more information please contact Melissa Carter at 503-3764.

Child Guidance Consultation

Oct 27 | Mon | 9a-4:30p

Ages 1 month to 5 years

This is a great opportunity to book a free one-on-one consultation with child specialists. Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development and any developmental and/or parenting questions you may have in regard to your child. Consultations are by appointment only and take approximately 1 hour. Each child must be accompanied by a parent and/or legal guardian. Facilitated by Child Guidance staff. Call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to pre-register.



Parent Talk

Oct 27 | Mon | 12:45-4p

Parents and caregivers of young children

Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development as well as any parenting questions you may have in the



areas of speech, language, development and behavior. Call 425-4412 to schedule an appointment. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

When Will My Child Bloom? Developmental Milestones

Oct 27 | Mon | 5:30-7p

Parents and caregivers of children ages 2-5

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. Call 425-4412 to register. Facilitated by Sarita Naegeli. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.



Mysterious Oklahoma

Oct 27 | Mon | 7-8p

All Ages

Don't miss this opportunity to hear spooky tales from the Sooner State, just in time for Halloween! David Farris will be telling stories from his books, *Mysterious Oklahoma* and *More Mysterious Oklahoma*. Books will be available for purchase.

Monster Puppets

Oct 28 | Tue | 4-5p

Teens

It's alive! Puppet master James Cain will show you how to use socks, stuffed animals, and other items to make monster puppets and plushes. Create vampires, zombies, werewolves, and more! Materials will be supplied. This free program is part of October's Teen Read Month "Books with Bite" celebration. Please pre-register.



Promoting Communication Skills In Infants & Young Children

Oct 29 | Wed | 2:30-3p

For parents of children Birth - 3 Years

One of the most crucial tools a child can possess is the ability to communicate effectively. Early communication skills provide a solid foundation for subsequent learning. This workshop will focus on ways to interact with young children to enhance their language development. Call 425-4412 to register. Facilitated by Tracy Goebel and Cheryl Custer. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.



Trick-or-Treat at the Library

Oct 31 | Fri | 9a-6p

School age children

Put on your costume and stop by the library for a little Halloween treat.



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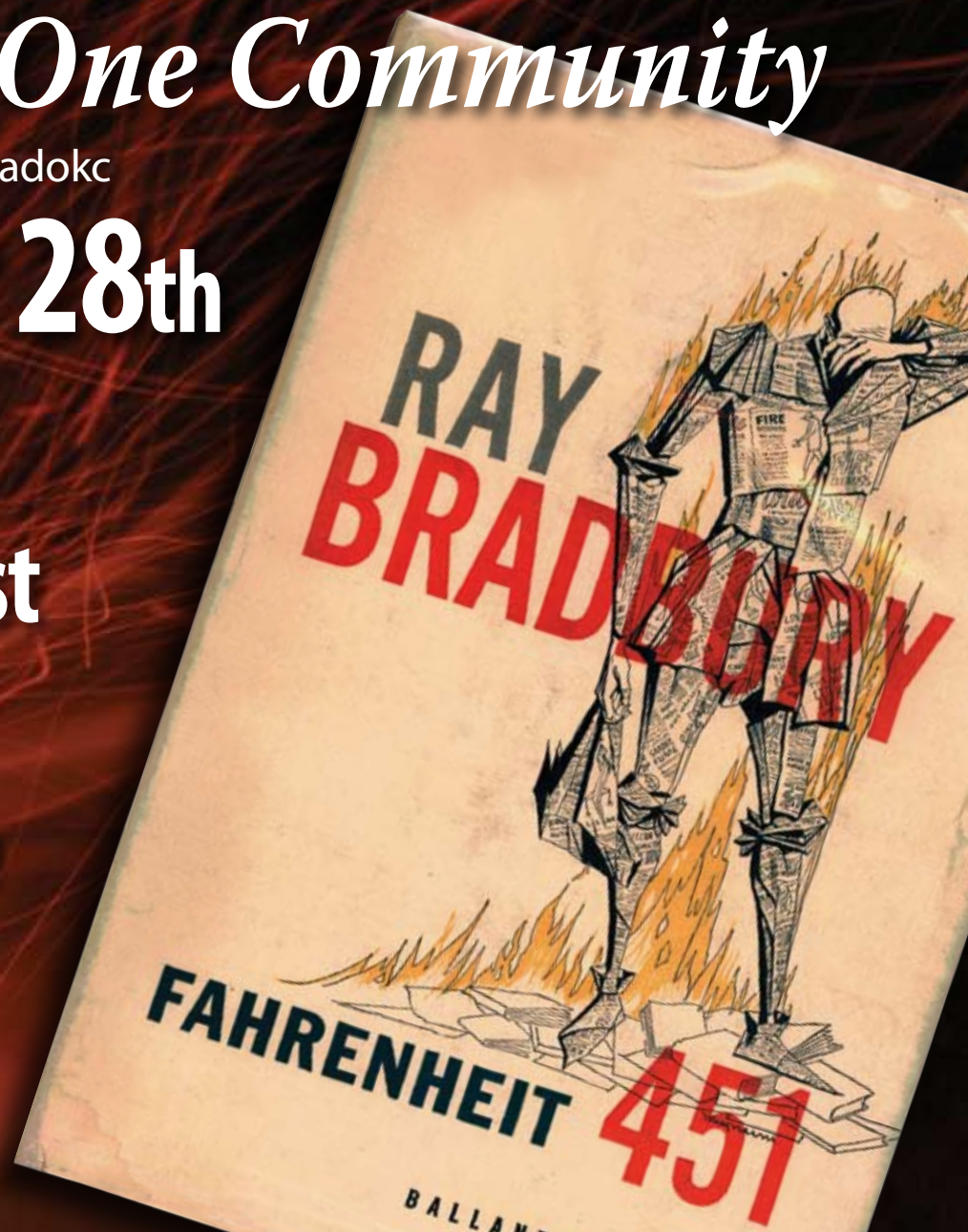
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Nicoma Park Library

2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park
(405) 769-9452

HOURS

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

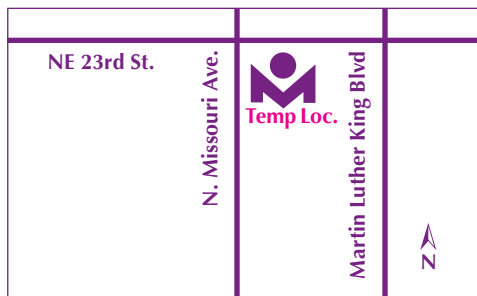


Ralph Ellison Library Temporary

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

HOURS

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



Southern Oaks Library

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

HOURS

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



Choctaw Women's Aglow International Oct 11 | Sat | 9:40a-Noon

Adults

The inter-denominational meeting of the Choctaw Women's Aglow International meets every second Saturday of the month from 9:40 am - noon. Special guest inspirational speakers. Refreshments. All welcome! For more information call 371-7316 or 677-8909.

Women's Crafting Group

Oct 28 | Tue | 10a-Noon

Adults

Women create crafts suitable for the season the last Tuesday of the month. All are welcome. Call 769-9452 for more information.

The Ralph Ellison Library, now located at 1918 N.E. 23rd, (site of the former Hollywood Video) will be at this address for about a year while the 2000 NE 23rd location is under an extensive renovation and expansion process.

Super Scary Coloring Contest for Kids

Oct 1-31 | Library Hours

Kindergarten-2nd Grade

Do you like to color? If so, why not enter the Ralph Ellison Library's Super Scary Coloring Contest for Kids? Come by the library to pick up your coloring sheet. Bring it back anytime between October 1-31 for a chance to win some sweet prizes!

Scary Story Writing Contest

Oct 1-31 | Library Hours

Grades 9-12

Do you like Goosebumps, Stephen King, Twilight or other crazy scary tales? If so, why not write a scary story of your own and enter it in Ralph Ellison Library's Scary Story Writing Contest? Visit the library for more details! Entries will be accepted from October 1-31.



Teens

Made in Oklahoma Display and Drawing Oct 1-31 | Library Hours

All Ages

Made in Oklahoma... good for you. Good for Oklahoma! Did you know that Made in Oklahoma food products represent \$2.5 billion in annual sales and generate 15,000 jobs for Oklahomans? Visit the Southern Oaks Library anytime during the month of October and register for a chance to win a beautiful "Made in Oklahoma" basket, filled with Oklahoma products. A Made in Oklahoma Display & free recipe cards will be available October 1-31.

GED

Oct 1,6,8,15,20,22,27,29

Mon & Wed | 3-6p

16 years & older

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



Parachute Play

Oct 2 | Thur | 10:30-11a

Ages 3-6 with parents

Come play games with a parachute. Children will have the opportunity to practice skills such as: following directions, socializing with others, using language, and using small and large muscles...AND it's loads of fun! You must pre-register. Sign up by calling 425-4412. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.



Child Guidance Parent Talk
Oct 2 | Thur | 12:45-4p
For parents and caregivers
of young children



Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development as well as any parenting questions you may have in the areas of speech, language, development and behavior. Facilitated by Tracy Goebel, M.Ed., Speech-Language Pathologist & Teresa Widick, M.S., Child Development Specialist. Appointment slots fill up quickly. Call Child Guidance at 424-4412 to register.

Score Business Counseling
Oct 3,17 | Fri | 10a-1p
Adults

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

Preschool Storytime
Oct 6,20,27 | Mon
10:30-11:15a



Ages 2-6 w/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. All children should be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. Please sign up by calling 631-4468 or by visiting the Information Desk.

Homework Help

Oct 7,21 | Tue | 4-6p
Grades 1-5

Do you know someone who need help with those last minute papers and tests? or maybe they just bringing up their reading scores? High school and college students will be available to answer questions or read with young people. Please pre-register. Co-sponsor: Southern Oaks Library Teen Advisory Board.

Southern Oaks Book Club
Oct 14 | Tue | 11:30a-12:30p
Adults

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

Twilight Party

Oct 16 | Thur | 6:30-8:30p
Teens



Come party with Bella, Edward, Jacob, James, et al. Costume contest, trivia, food, prizes, supernatural scavenger hunt and more. Call 631-4468 to pre-register. Co-sponsor: Scarlet Kitsune Anime Club!

Spooktacular Halloween Magic

Oct 20 | Mon | 6:30-7:30p
Kids ages 4-12

Meet Dave May, magician and ventriloquist! Get ready to be entertained by Dave May as he performs "spooktacular" magic tricks. Following the performance, there will be a costume contest for kids who wish to wear one. Children do not have to dress up to attend. Favors and treats will be provided. Sign up by calling 631-4468 or by visiting the Library's Information Desk

Trip Around the World: Latin America

Oct 21 | Tue | 6:30-8p
Grades 3 through 6

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to travel the globe right in your very own local library. The Junior League of Oklahoma City and World Neighbors are teaming up to offer innovative and hands-on experiences for children. They will have a great time learning about the different cultures in Asia, Africa and Latin America. The program is free, but space is limited so pre-register at the Information Desk. Co-sponsors: Junior League of Oklahoma City and World Neighbors.

Book Adventure: Kid's Book Club

Oct 28 | Tue | 4:30-5:30p
Kids ages 6-9

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

Promoting Communication Skills
In Infants & Young Children

Oct 30 | Thur | 2:30-3:30p
For parents of children
Birth - 3 Years



One of the most crucial tools a child can possess is the ability to communicate effectively. Early communication skills provide a solid foundation for subsequent learning. This workshop will focus on ways to interact with young children to enhance their language development. Call 425-4412 to register. Facilitated by Tracy Goebel and

Cheryl Custer. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Department.

Cosplay Contest

Oct 30 | Thur | 6:30-8:30p
Teens



Cosplay contest! All fans are invited to attend. Costumes can be any copyrighted character. Call John at 631-4468 for more information. Co-sponsor: Scarlet Kitsune Anime Club!

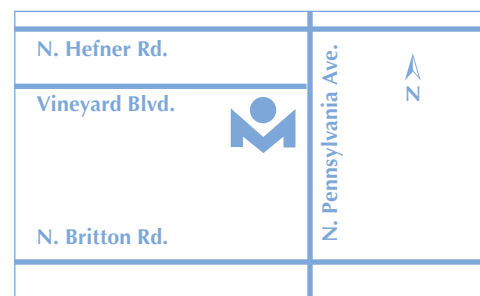
The Village Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
 Sun: Closed



Children Reading to Dogs

Oct 2,9,16,23,30 | Thur
3:30-4:30p



Children who can read

Come and read to a dog! Readers can come to practice and improve their out-loud reading skills. The dogs with their owners act as an uncritical, appreciative audience with excellent listening skills. Bring your own book or borrow one from us. Please pre-register at the Information desk or call 755-0710.

Village Kids Book Club

Oct 4 | Sat | 10-11a
Ages 6-8

Come join us to discuss a book, play a game, and do a craft. Make sure you read the book before we meet. The books are at the information desk. Please pre-register at the information desk or call 755-0710.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Oct 6,20 | Mon
6:30-8:30p
Adults



Free individualized instruction in Microsoft Excel. Learn to create workbooks and spreadsheets, use formulas and functions, format data,

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create charts, and more. Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Scheduled in 30 minute to one hour sessions per individual. Come in or call to reserve your time (405) 755-0710.

Babar and Me Yoga
Oct 7,14,21,28 | Tue
10-10:30a
Ages 2-5

Fun and gentle yoga for little ones and their parent(s).



Aboriginal Australia—
Stories, Music, & Images
Oct 8 | Wed | 10:30-11:30a
All ages

Yidumduma Bill Harney, Elder and Senior Custodian of the Wardaman people of the North Territory of Australia, and Australian storyteller and musician Paul Taylor will tour together performing and teaching the cultural richness of Aboriginal Australia. Their multi-media performances feature stories, music and images from the Wardaman people. Audiences will have a rare opportunity to learn these stories and music from one of the last living Elders of the Aboriginal people. It is Yidumduma's desire that as many as possible hear about his people. Co-sponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library, Oklahoma Arts Council, & National Endowment for the Arts.



Anime Club
Oct 9 | Thur | 4-5p
Teens

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



Promoting Communication Skills
In Infants & Young Children
Oct 14 | Tue | 2:30-3:30p
For parents of children
Birth - 3 Years

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Internet Job Search
Oct 16 | Thur | 6:30-8p
Adults

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



Book Discussion Group: The Big Read
Oct 20 | Mon | 3p
Adults

In this month's regular book discussion group, we'll be talking about this year's Big Read title, *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. Our book group meets every 3rd Monday at 3pm. Join us for a hot time this month! Co-sponsor: Rose State College.

Horror Makeup
Oct 21 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p
Teens

Learn how to make scars, bruises, warts, and all kinds of gross stuff to wear on your face. An artist will demonstrate makeup effects so your ghoulish faces can look more authentic on Halloween or any other time you want to look scary. This free program is part of October's Teen Read Month "Books with Bite" celebration. Please pre-register.



Child Guidance Parent Talk
Oct 23 | Thur | 12:45-4p
For parents and caregivers
of young children

Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development, as well as any parenting questions you may have in the areas of speech, language, development, and behavior. Please call 425-4366 to make an appointment.



When Will My Child Bloom?
Developmental Milestones
Oct 23 | Thur | 5:30-7p
For parents and caregivers
of children ages 2-5 years

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. Please call 425-4366 to make an appointment. Facilitated by Sarita Naegeli.



Mystery Night
Oct 24 | Fri | 5:30-10p
Ages 8-13

Please join us for our 12th annual Mystery Night. Eat mysterious pizza, hear scary stories,

and solve an intriguing mystery. Pre-register at the Information Desk or call 755-0710.

Knitty Committee
Oct 25 | Sat | 10-11a
All Ages

Interested in knitting or learning how to knit? Join the Knitty Committee at the Village Library on Sept 20 at 10am. Bring your yarn and join the fun!

Warr Acres Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



The Big Read Art and Essay
Contest
Oct 1-15
Teens 12-18



Warr Acres Library invites students to participate in our Big Read Art and Essay Contest. The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts. Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451* is the theme for this year's contest. Come to Warr Acres' Reference Desk for entry forms. Entries must be submitted by 10/15/08 at 9pm. Prizes will be awarded 10/16/08 at 7pm during a small reception. Co-sponsor: Rose State College.

Book Club
Oct 6 | Mon | 11a-Noon
Adults

The Warr Acres Library Book Club meets the second Monday of each month. We will discuss *The Race* by Richard North Patterson.

Story Time for Pre-schoolers
Oct 7,21 | Tue
10:30-11:15a
2 1/2 to 5 year olds



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

Play Time for Babies and Tots
Oct 8,15,22,29 | Wed
9:15-10a and 10:30-11:15a
8 months - 2 1/2 year olds
with adult



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

Children Reading to Dogs
Oct 9 | Thur
6:30-7:30p
6 years and older



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

Aboriginal Australia—
Stories, Music, & Images
Oct 10 | Fri | 4-5p
All ages



Yidumduma Bill Harney, Elder and Senior Custodian of the Wardaman people of the North Territory of Australia, and Australian storyteller and musician Paul Taylor will tour together performing and teaching the cultural richness of Aboriginal Australia. Their multi-media performances feature stories, music and images from the Wardaman people. Audiences will have a rare opportunity to learn these stories and music from one of the last living Elders of the Aboriginal people. It is Yidumduma's desire that as many as possible hear about his people. Co-sponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library, Oklahoma Arts Council, & National Endowment for the Arts.

Caldecott ART Club
Oct 11 | Sat | 10:30-11:30a
5 Years and older

Children will make a model based on the book, *My Friend Rabbit*, by Eric Rohmann. Please call to pre-register and join us every month for a fun, art time. Pre-register at 721-2616.

The Big Read Art and Essay
Contest Reception
Oct 16 | Thur | 7-8p
Teens 12-18



Prizes will be awarded to our Big Read Art and Essay Contest winners. The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts. Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451* is the theme for this year's contest. Co-sponsor: Rose State College.

Child Guidance Parent Talk
Oct 17 | Fri | 9a-4p
For parents & caregivers
of young children



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Trip Around the World:
Africa

Oct 18 | Sat | 2-3:30p
All Ages



Don't miss this exciting opportunity to travel the globe right in your very own local library. The Junior League of Oklahoma City and World Neighbors are teaming up to offer innovative and hands-on experiences for children in grades third through sixth. They will have a great time learning about the the different cultures in Asia, Africa and Latin America. The program is free, but space is limited so pre-register at the Information Desk. Co-sponsor: Junior League of Oklahoma City and World Neighbors.

Coffee Break
Oct 20 | Mon | 9:30-10:30a
Adults

Join us for coffee and conversation in a relaxed, informal setting. Coffee and light refreshments will be served in our meeting room. Bring a friend or come meet someone new at the library.

When Is It Too Scary for
My Child?

Oct 21 | Tue | 2:30-4p
Adults



Halloween is all in fun when we're dressing our youngest like a ladybug or a bumblebee. However, what about the scary movies on TV or the violent video games that are advertised even more prominently this time of year? We will discuss how to make decisions, set limits and protect our children from adult content they may be exposed to on a daily basis.

Teens Learn How to Perform
Magic Tricks

Oct 25 | Sat | 2-3p
Teens 12-17



Young people will learn the basics behind many styles of magic tricks. They will receive a bag of props that they will be able to take home with them. This class will be taught by Steve Crawford, founder of the Mid-America School of Magic. Space is limited; please pre-register.

Dress Up Party for
Preschoolers
Oct 28 | Tue | 7-7:45p
Ages 2 1/2 - 5



Dress up your child for a time of Halloween fun! Children will enjoy participating in *Mouse's First Halloween* with Miss Alma and her puppets. After the story there will be sandwiches and pumpkin treats. Every child will receive a prize to take home.

Wright Library
 2101 Exchange, OKC
 (405) 235-5035

HOURS

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

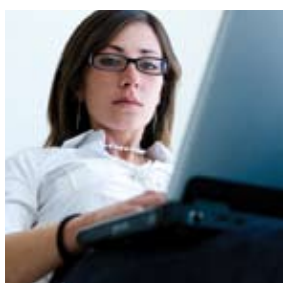
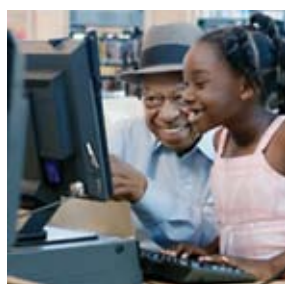
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Soap Making with Kelly Fuselier
Oct 23 | Thur | 2-3p
Adults

Join Kelly Fuselier-Thompson for a fun afternoon of soap making. Participants will learn to make soaps for personal use and to give as gifts. Call 235-5035 to register for this creative workshop. Everyone will get a free soap to take with them.

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Off the Beaten Path

... Discovering New Literary Treasures

Getting tired of a constant diet of best sellers and book club hype? Want to take a look at what librarians read? Here are two favorite books as selected by MLS staff.

James, M.R. (Montague Rhodes). *Count Magnus and Other Ghost Stories: The Complete Ghost Stories of M.R. James*, with an introduction and notes by S.T. Joshi.

FICTION/JAM

James is the father of the deliberately paced, antiquarian ghost story. Frequently you get to the last paragraph before you realize that that odd sensation on the back of your neck is all the hair standing up. His spirits are bad tempered and they don't have much use for the living. Spooky stuff.

Schwartz, Alvin. *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark*. Collected from American Folklore by Alvin Schwartz.

J398.25/SCH399s

Here comes Halloween and Schwartz' many books of spooky—but not too spooky stories—for children are an annual hit with the trick or treat set. Drawing from the folk tale tradition, urban legends and literature, Schwartz can pull the whole family together as you read these mildly haunting tales to the young ones.



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MLS LIBRARIES

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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 1918 NE 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	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9-5	9-5	—
*NICOMA PARK 2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park, 769-9452	—	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9-5	9-5	—
*WRIGHT 2101 Exchange, OKC, 235-5035	—	10-5:30	10-5:30	10-5:30	10-3	10-3	—

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