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New info

It seems like yesterday that we were celebrating the end of the school term and the beginning of our Summer at the Library events, and now it's back to school, Summer at the Library is packed away with our summer clothes, and the program we're really excited about is the new edition of The Big Read. You can get a taste of what's coming up with that a few pages further along.

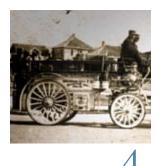
In this issue we also examine some useful and exciting databases we have for you, and, as always, we've put together our monthly calendar so you can see all in one place the variety of library events we've lined up this month.

And who knows, maybe by the end of September we'll all be enjoying some cooler temperatures. If not, well, there's always October.



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He Kept His Fire Engine Clean

by Larry Johnson



At the northeast corner of Northwest 21st and Western, these five brave sentinels of the Oklahoma City Fire Station No. 5, ably captained by Otto Lorenz, protected their district from conflagration.



ife in Station No. 5 would have been idyllic for some. Its two stories were connected by a fire pole and, although she wasn't

a Dalmatian, Trix was as fine a firehouse dog as any ladderman could wish for.

Number Five was built in 1910 as city services struggled to keep up during the great poststatehood boom. While many fire companies in that era were little more than clubhouses for an earlier generation of rejuveniles, men who refused to grow up, the crew of No. 5 made the most of their time between fires and cat rescues. They transformed their premises into a garden spot with many varieties of trees and flowers, landscaped footpaths, and even a tennis court. On a vacant lot across the street, they grew vegetables for themselves and the community and even kept a menagerie of animals including chickens, ducks and deer. The centerpiece, though, was a decorative fish pond with three popular residents: a mudcat named Kaiser Willie, a perch named Pug and a buffalo fish named Tony.

It may be that Kaiser Willie was actually the undoing of Captain Lorenz (no, not by noodling). Otto Lorenz was an immigrant from Germany and arrived in Oklahoma City around statehood, where he soon became a fireman, earned a reputation for bravery, and quickly worked his way up to captain. In 1918, although he had served well for eleven years, he came under suspicion because of his last name and his accent. It was true he had let his immigration paperwork lapse, but he assumed his passing the civil service exam, marrying, owning property and raising a child in Oklahoma City had secured his place in society. He was accused of not supporting the war effort and not being patriotic, although he produced receipts for the war bonds he'd purchased.

And then there was Kaiser Willie. Lorenz' heart obviously remained in the fatherland or he would not be naming catfish after the Kaiser.

The fire chief initially reviewed Lorenz' case and allowed him to remain on the job, but the public would not have it. Lorenz gracefully resigned instead. By 1920, he had tried and failed in the moving business, divorced and disappeared from town. If he'd only thought to write Otto Lawrence on his application and named his catfish President Woody.

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

20th Century Ghosts by Joe Hill

The fact that Joe Hill is actually one of Stephen King's sons is no secret anymore. His first novel was called *Heart-Shaped Box* and it was a bestseller on its own merits as Hill refuses to trade on his dad's name.

This collection of short stories is made up primarily of tales of the darkly fantastic and sinister, and if Hill keeps going the way he's begun, it won't take nearly as long for him to be taken seriously as a writer as it took King the First. Hill is a more refined stylist who isn't afraid to have some fun with writers who came before him. One story, echoing Kafka, begins, "Francis Kay woke

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from dreams that were not uneasy, but exultant, and found himself an insect."

Not everything in the book is designed to be scary—Hill also has his sentimental side, and his sense of humor can be surprisingly sly—but if you're not looking for tales by a young writer who has already taken home several awards in the field of dark fantasy, you know what? You might like this collection anyway.

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

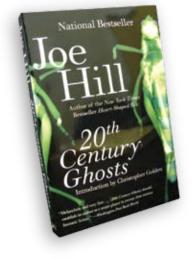


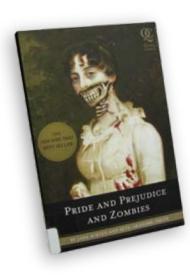
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many Britons have fallen victim to a mysterious plague. Therefore, an accomplished woman, according to Mr. Darcy, "must have a thorough knowledge of music, singing, drawing, dancing, and the modern languages; she must be well trained in the fighting styles of the Kyoto masters and the modern tactics and weaponry of Europe. And besides all this, she must possess a certain something in her air and manner of walking, the tone of her voice, her address and expressions, or the word will be but half-deserved. All this she must possess, and to all this she must yet add something more substantial, in the improvement of her mind by extensive reading."

Romance, brilliant dialog, and zombie mayhem make for an entertaining late summer read.

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





Pride and Prejudice and Zombies by Jane Austen and Seth Grahame-Smith

"It is a truth universally acknowledged that a zombie in possession of brains must be in want of more brains."

In what must be an attempt to market the classics to a younger, videogame-violence-addicted audience, Seth Grahame-Smith has taken Jane Austen's regency romance and peppered it with blood, guts, and zombies. Curiously, it works.

Pride and Prejudice is one of my favorite books, and I've read it at least a dozen times, which is why I picked it up again to see if Grahame-Smith could improve on the original. I love the twisted, skewed adaptation! The Bennet sisters are still in search of husbands, Elizabeth is still prejudiced, and Mr. Darcy is still prideful, but all can kick zombie toukes with ease, keeping their clothes free of gore from the walking dead.

Survival in the quiet English village of Meryton depends on killer skills learned in the Orient, as



The Soloist: A Lost Dream, an Unlikely Friendship, and the Redemptive Power of Music by Steve Lopez

Mental illness can strike anyone at any time and at any age; nor is it a respecter of race, class or ability. This is the view of L.A. Times reporter, Steve Lopez as he develops a friendship with African American Nathaniel Ayers.

Musically talented Ayers was once enrolled in Julliard but he developed schizophrenia at the tender age of 20, causing him to drop out. Lopez and Ayers meet on Skid Row in L.A. where Ayers regularly plays his two stringed violin to traffic and to anyone who cares to listen. Lopez is so taken with Nathaniel that he writes about him in his columns, buys him sheet music and new instruments (new violins and a cello are donated

reviewed by Christine Bassett

by well wishers) and takes him to concerts given by the L.A. Philharmonic. He also desperately wants to see Ayers move off the streets and onto medications so that his schizophrenia can be better controlled. But Nathaniel has his own ideas about what he wants to do with his life.

Readers will not be able to put this true life story down until they find out what happens. This title also available on CD.

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.



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Golf, and Armed Robbery by Leigh Montville

John Montague showed up in Hollywood in 1930 and was soon the talk of every golf course in town, especially the Lakeside Golf Club, the favorite of Howard Hughes, Bing Crosby, W.C. Fields and Oliver Hardy. The movie elite had never seen anyone play the game as well as "Monty" did. He once beat Crosby without even using any golf clubs-just a rake, a shovel, and a baseball bat.

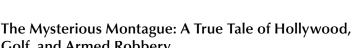
But Monty eschewed all publicity, even turning down opportunities to have his photo taken with his famous friends. He refused to enter any professional tournaments. He was content to pick up a few dollars giving instructions and

winning side bets.

Then a photographer from Time Magazine snapped a picture, the law in upper New York saw it, and the mystery of Montague's reticence about publicity was solved-he was wanted for armed robbery.

His trial turned into one of those media circuses our legal system seems to produce every few decades, and the rest of Montague's life was too weird even for a Hollywood screenwriter.

Montville's quick-reading book has something for everyone-movie stars, sports, true crime. Read it and find out why you might not want to be famous after all.



Reviews & Recommendations

Bleeding Hearts by Susan Wittig Albert

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

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

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

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

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

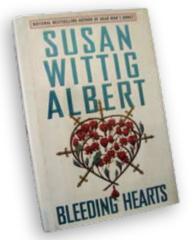


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by napalm near Saigon in 1972. I was challenged by Robert Fulghum's description of a conversation with an older woman at a dance who told him, "If you do not dance, we will know you are a fool. But if you dance, we will think well of you for trying." I respected Corinne Colbert for choosing to focus on the positive in her less-than-perfect marriage, recognizing that it does include a roof over her head, food, a job, family and friends.

This I believe: we should all sharpen our pencils and write an essay about one of our strong beliefs. We can submit it at http://thisibelieve.org, and it just might be included in Volume III.

This audio book is also available in print, On the Shelf: 170.44/T4481t/V.2



This I Believe II: More Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women Edited by Jay Allison and Dan Gediman, with John Gregory and Viki Merrik

ordinary citizens. I enjoyed almost all of

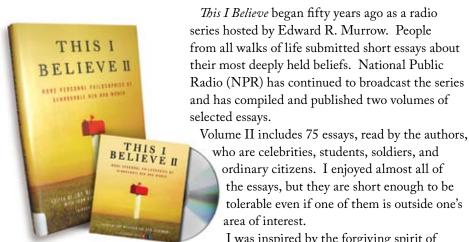
I was inspired by the forgiving spirit of Kim Phuc, the little girl pictured running naked

down the road after her clothes were burned off

area of interest.

the essays, but they are short enough to be

tolerable even if one of them is outside one's





Build Your Own Business

Learn about starting a business in Oklahoma, the factors leading to success and financing. Attend this seminar sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration and SCORE, "Counselors to America's Small Business."

	9/8	Warr Acres Library, 5901 NW 63rd	6:30pm
	9/14	The Village Library, 10307 N. Penn	6:30pm
	9/28	Southern Oaks Library, 6900 S. Walker	6:30pm
	10/1	Bethany Library, 3510 N. Mueller	6:30pm
į	10/6	Choctaw Library, 2525 Muzzy Street	6:00pm
	10/15	Belle Isle Library, 5501 N. Villa	6:30pm
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...With a classic private eye novel in one hand and the stuff that dreams are made of in the other.

From the near future to the 1920s, this year's edition of The Big Read takes us into the realm of the roman noir, where the mean streets are dark with something more than night. Last year's book was Ray Bradbury's science fiction classic *Fahrenheit 451*; in 2009, readers can don their trench coats and fedoras and so some hard-boiled detecting with Sam Spade.

The book is Dashiell Hammett's *The Maltese Falcon*. If you missed The Big Read last year, participants in the program all read the same book and take part in book talk groups, as well as other ways in which the chosen novel can be discussed. The 1941 film with Humphrey Bogart will also be screened. Although already filmed twice before, this version is considered to be definitive and closest to Hammett's original novel.

In the story, San Francisco private detective Sam Spade becomes mixed up with a group of international criminals, all of whom are on the trail of a plain black statue of a falcon—but the real prize is what's beneath the black lacquer that covers the figure.

Author Dashiell Hammett, who also wrote the novel on which the series of "*The Thin Man*" movies was based, came by his understanding of the criminal mind honestly. He worked as an operative for the Pinkerton National Detective Agency for six years before quitting over the agency's union-busting.

Fellow hard-boiled crime writer Raymond Chandler said of his colleague: "Hammett took murder out of the Venetian vase and dropped it into the alley... [He] gave murder back to the kind of people who do it for a reason, not just to provide a corpse; and with means at hand, not with hand wrought dueling pistols, curare, and tropical fish. He was spare, frugal, hard-boiled, but he did over and over again what only the best writers can ever do at all. He wrote scenes that seemed never to have been written before."

We'll have more information about The Big Read in months to come—but you can start reading now. Spade is speaking:

"Here's what happened to him. Going to lunch he passed an office-building that was being put up – just the skeleton. A beam or something fell eight or ten stories down and smacked the sidewalk alongside him. It brushed pretty close to him, but didn't touch him, though a piece of the sidewalk was chipped off and flew up and hit his cheek. It only took a piece of skin off, but he still had the scar when I saw him. He rubbed it with his finger – well, affectionately – when he told me about it. He was scared stiff of course, he said, but he was more shocked than really frightened. He felt like somebody had taken the lid off life and let him look at the works."

You take it from here.

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How many times have you wanted to look something up in an older edition of the newspaper, but thought it would be too much trouble? I can tell you how many times you'll think that

in the future—none.

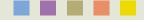
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n the Database section of the Metropolitan Library System website, there's a tab labeled "Oklahoma." Click on that and you can select "Oklahoman Electronic Archives." From there, you have over 100 years of the Daily Oklahoman to browse—the database goes back to 1901.

Want to know what happened on your birthday 100 years ago from this year? Let's see, that would be December 22. There were "After Supper Sales" going on at Kerr Dry Goods Co. You could buy a kimono for 49 cents and silk petticoats for \$1.95. Frank and True Rice, the "tricky, talky tumblers," were appearing at the Folly Theater, along with Karl Emmy and his Pets, "the classiest canine act in vaudeville." There's a double page spread of suitable Christmas gifts for everyone you know. For instance, for your sweetheart, "Add to her collection of souvenir spoons with some of those with engraved bowl and ornamented handles. H.A. Bump, Jewelry Store, 28 N. Broadway."

An article buried on page 15 tells of Kate Barnard writing to Gov. Haskell about cruel treatment of patients at the Fort Supply hospital for the insane. The issue concludes with several pages of classified ads—costing one penny per word.

This is just one of the ways MLS links you with the rest of the world—both in the present and the past. Through the ProQuest link under the newspaper tab you can read 883 papers from around the world. You don't have to rely on American news coverage to find out what's happening in the Middle East. We can hook you up to Alarabiya in Dubai, or the Arab News in Jeddah, or the Emirates News Agency in Abu Dhabi.

Under "Almanacs & Encyclopedias" we are now making available the Columbia Gazetteer of the World, the Encyclopedia Britannica Online Reference Center, and EB Online for Kids. Columbia describes its database this way: "Gazetteers are simply assemblages of alphabetically ordered listings of places or physical/cultural features. More extensive gazetteers include brief descriptions along with the listings. The comprehensive gazetteer, however, is an encyclopedia of geographical places and features. The Columbia Gazetteer of the World is such an encyclopedia. "

Britannica features a video collection, timelines, and a "This Day in History" tidbit, along with many other useful features. Online for Kids, in addition to the material you expect from an encyclopedia, also offers instructions for preparing research papers, book reports, science reports, and oral reports.

And we add new databases all the time, so check in often to find out where in the world we're taking you next.



Books-By-Mail

When is a library not a library? When it's a mailbox.

In 1976, MLS recognized an obligation to find a way to serve citizens of Oklahoma County that were unserved due to age or physical disabilities that made visiting one of our library sites impossible—and Books-By-Mail was born.

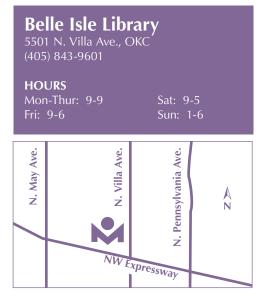
The service targets customers who can meet at least one of two minimum qualifications: they must be over 65, and/or must be home bound. County residents who qualify can check out and return books via the postal service.

We produce a quarterly catalog of titles from which to choose—and MLS pays postage both ways.

For additional information please call Outreach Services at 606-3295.



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



ESL: Learn English as a Second Language

Sept 1,3,8,10,15,17,22,24,29 Tue & Thur | 9:30a-12:30p Adults



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

Parent Talk Sept 3 | Thur | 1-4:30p Adults



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

Score Small Business Counseling Sept 5,19 | 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.

Manage Your Money: Money Seminar Sept 12 | Sat | 2-3p Teens and Adults

Even though people may spend 10 to 30 years in retirement, they don't spend a lot of time planning for it. Lack of information and misinformation can be costly, so change that! Get some knowledge that can help you learn about money and investing for the future. Sign up at the Reference Desk for this free seminar.

Children Reading to Dogs Sept 14,21,28 | Mon 6:30-7:30p Children who can read



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

Metro OKC Knit Guild Sept 20 | Sun | 3-5p Teens and Adults

Everyone—any knitter or a person who's never knitted, but would like to learn is welcome. Each monthly program includes a lesson of a new knitting technique and examples of charity knitting projects. For questions about the group, e-mail the guild at metrookcknitguild@gmail.com or call 436-0466. Co-sponsor: Metro OKC Knit Guild.

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All MLS libraries will be closed September 6 and 7 in observance of the Labor Day holiday weekend.

Concert: Double Play Flute and Tuba Sept 28 | Mon | 7-8p ^a All Ages



Midwest City Library

Nicoma Park Library

Ralph Ellison Library

The Village Library

Warr Acres Library

Southern Oaks Library

Double Play flute and tuba has been active as a performing/touring ensemble since 1989. Although based in Phoenix, Arizona; this husband and wife team travels the country extensively each year, entertaining and educating audiences of all ages in a variety of venues from concert halls to classrooms. Performances include the music of "Bach to Broadway," accompanied by a variety of humorous and historical anecdotes. As part of their mission to inform as well as to entertain, demonstrations on a Baroque flute and "hose-horn" are integral to each "family-friendly" program. Amy Ridings, flutist, and Patrick Sciannella, tubaist, create their own unique arrangements of many classical standards as well as presenting the occasional, actual flute and tuba composition!

Day or Night: Black or White Sept 29 | Tue | 10-11a Pre-kindergarten



Take a black and white field trip through several books that celebrate day and night. This storytime features unusual books that flip to read the rest of the story. Pre-register at the Reference Desk or call 843-9601.



Bethany Library

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

HOURS

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



Toddler Story & Play Time Sept 3 | Thur | 9:30-10:15a and 10:30-11:15a Ages 2-3



Ages 2-3

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

The Children's Hour Evening Story Time Sept 8 | Tue | 6:30-7p and 10:30-11:15a Ages 3-6



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

Fall Story Time Sept 10,24 | 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.

Health and Nutrition Sept 12 | Sat | 2-3p Adults

Speaker and dietitian Karen Myers will discuss your nutrition and answer questions regarding health and diet. Refreshments will be served after the program.

Wii, Fun & Games Sept 18 | Fri | 10-11:30a Adults

Every third Friday it's Wii time with fun and games. This is an adult opportunity to play and meet people within a safe environment. So get up & get out. Coffee, juice and food will be served.

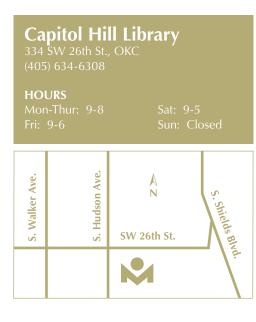
Children Reading to Dogs Sept 19 | Sat | 10:30-11:30a Ages 5 and older



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. Please pre-register at the Information Desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.

AARP Driver Safety Class Sept 26 | Sat | 9:30a-4:30p Adults

AARP will host this workshop for licensed drivers. For AARP members the fee is \$12 and for \$14 for non-members. Lunch is on your own. Registration is required, call 789-8363, ext 3. Co-sponsor: AARP.



Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance Sept 3,10,17,24 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p Adults

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

Drawing and Designing Comics Sept 5 | Sat | 2-3:15p All ages

In this beginning level class Scott Delsigne will teach basic drawing techniques, and how to apply them to comic character creations. Call 634-6308 to register for this program.

Conversational Spanish Sept 9,16,23 | Wed 5:30-6:30p Adults



Conversational Spanish class for Fall 2009.

This course is intended to teach basic Spanish speaking skills (Who, What, When, and Where). The class will meet for 13 sessions beginning Wednesday, September 9th, and will continue on Wednesday evenings until December 9th, 2009. This program requires pre-registration. Please call 634-6308 to register, or to find out more information about the class.

Conversational Spanish II Sept 14,21 | Mon 5:30-7p Adults

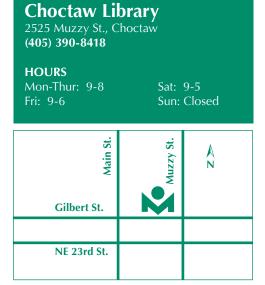


Intermediate Spanish class for Fall 2009. The course is designed for individuals who already have a basic understanding of the language, and want to further increase their Spanish speaking skills. The class will meet for 13 sessions from Monday, September 14th, continuing on Monday evenings until December 7, 2009. Call 634-6308 to register for this program, or sign up at the Reference Desk.

Capitol Hill Artists and Writers Club Sept 18 | Fri | 3-4p Ages 11-17



CHAW club continues every Friday afternoon at 3:00. If you love to draw, paint, sketch, write, or just want to watch and learn, join us for an afternoon of refreshments, friends and fun. Supplies provided. Call 634-6308 for more information.



Lapsit Story Time Sept 1,8,15,22,29 | 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.

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Story Time Sept 1,8,15,22,29 | 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.

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Sept 2,9,14,16,21,23,28,30 Mon & Wed | 9-11:15a Age 16 & older



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

T'ai Chi with Chris Francis: Intermediate/ Advanced Class Sept 9,16,23,30 | Wed | 6:15-7p Teens and adults

T'ai Chi Ch'üan is a martial arts therapy that promotes health and longevity. It is a soft style art using as complete a relaxation or "softness" in the musculature as possible. Pre-registration preferred. Co-sponsors: Choctaw Library Guild and Eastern Oklahoma Tech Center.

T'ai Chi with Chris Francis: New Beginner's Group Sept 9,16,23,30 | Wed | 7-7:45p Teens and adults

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

Ecology and Snakes with John Preston Sept 10 | Thur | 6-7:30p School Age-Teens



John Preston shares exciting facts about nature and the ecosystem. Attendees will get a chance to hold and interact with non-venomous snakes.!

Family Place: Open Play Sept 12 | Sat | 10-11a Ages 6 months to 5 yrs with parent



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

Book Blast Club Sept 12 | Sat | 2:30-3:30p Grades 2-3

Have a BOOK BLAST time with us! Join the Book Blast Club for fun reads. We will discuss a great book, have a snack, play a game or make a craft. Check with a librarian to find out what book to read when we meet the 2nd Saturday of the month. Copies of the book will be available at the Reference Desk. Limited sign-up so pre-registration is required. Please call 390-8418 or stop by the desk to sign-up.

Children Reading to Dogs Sept 16 | Wed | 4-5p Children who can read



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

Parachute Play Sept 18 | Fri | 10:30-11a Ages 3-6



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

AARP Defensive Driving Course Sept 19 | Sat | 9:15a-4p Age 16-Older

Attention ALL LICENSED drivers! AARP presents safe driving tips to help prevent and reduce car accidents. Participants are eligible for a discount on their auto insurance premium. Space for the course is limited so please pre-register by calling 390-8418 or dropping by the Choctaw Library. Norma Sallee from AARP is the instructor for this course. Resource fee is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Pay in cash or a check payable to AARP for course materials. Co-Sponsor: AARP.

Video Your Storytelling Sept 26 | Sat | 9a-1p Adults

Storytellers are invited to come to a story swap with a twist. Come and share your funny, sad, healing, short, animal and people stories, and get your performance videotaped. This tool will help the performer hone his/her skills. Copyright issues will be the sole responsibility of the performer. Performers are asked to limit their performance to 12-15 minutes. Performers should prepare a brief (15-20 second) bio-introduction to lead into the taping. Priority will be given to storytellers who wish to be videotaped. There will be a \$5 mailing and materials resource fee. Pre-registration is required. Call the Choctaw Library at 390-8418. Co-sponsor: WayWord Tellers and Territory Tellers.

Choctaw Anime/Manga Club Sept 26 | Sat | 2:30-3:30p Teens



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

Snakey Story Time Sept 28 | Mon | 6:30-7:30p Ages 3-6



Join us for a "snakey" storytime and craft activity. Please pre-register at 390-8418.



Artist Alexandra Brodt teaches teens the techniques of Japanese Manga drawing. Please call for more information and to sign up for this program.

Tips From the Consumer Queen Sept 5 | Sat | 2-4p Adults

The reigning Consumer Queen of Edmond, represented by Patsy Smith, will be giving expert couponing advice, frugal tips, and helping you fight the rising costs of the economy by changing the way you shop. Please call or stop by the Information Desk for more information.

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

September 3: Perry Miers Trio – Contemporary Country Originals September 10: Rondeau — Flute and Piano Duo, light classical September 17: Justin Witte – Guitar/Harmonica/Vocals September 24: The Route 66 Sax Quartet

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METROPOLITAN LIBRARY

ADHD Perspectives Sept 8 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p Adults and their children



Get informed about ADHD and how to manage the challenges presented with the diagnosis. This meeting will kick off a monthly meeting for parents and children with ADHD in a support group setting. A professional will speak on the different aspects of ADHD and will be available to answer your questions. Children will have the chance to participate in a peer group setting and learn behavior management skills. Call 672-1377 to pre-register or for more information. Suggestions for future topics regarding ADHD are welcome. Please send them to jjones@metrolibrary.org.

Beginning Weaving Sept 9,16,23 | Wed | 6-8p Adults

Join us for a three-part weaving class this month with expert weaver, Donna Hilton from the Weavery at Indian Meridian, one of Oklahoma's finest full-service weaving, spinning and fiber resources. Space is limited so call to register.

Parachute Play Sept 14 | Mon | 10:30-11a children & FAMILIES **Ages 2-5**

Play is a breeze at the Del City Library! We invite parents to bring their pre-schoolers to Parachute Play for some colorful fun. Youngsters can work on cooperation and listening skills while having fun with this

windy activity. Call the Oklahoma County Health Depta at 425-4412 to register.

Parent Consultations Sept 14 | Mon | 12:45a-3p



Parent & newborn-5 yrs old Let your little ones play and socialize while you get answers to common parenting questions. An early childhood development will be available at no cost to offer help and support to parents of newborns through five year olds. Please call the OK City-County Health Department at 425-4422 to schedule your one-on-one consultation.

Del City Book Club Sept 14 | Mon | 7-8p Adults

Del City Book Club meets monthly to discuss a book chosen by its members. Join anytime and suggest a title for upcoming meetings! Call to find out this month's title.

Color Me Purple Storytime Sept 16 | Wed | 10-10:20a children & FAMILIES Ages 1-5

Have a "grape" time with Color Me Purple Storytime. Color words are the first words kids learn to spell and recognize in their journey to becoming readers. Join us for this month's featured stories all about purple!

Fall Stories Sept 22 | Tue | 6:30-7:15p Ages 4-8



Join Fran for an evening of fun with Fall Stories. Fall is filled with exciting activities that kids look forward to at summer's end. Kick off our most colorful season with stories at the library.

PlayTime Sept 24 | Thur | 10-11a Ages 6 months-3 yrs old



Bring your babies and preschoolers to the library for PlayTime and learn some tricks you can use to teach your children. Rae Kirkman from the Mid-Del Schools Parents as Teachers program will be the library's guest this month. This FREE, voluntary program is for ALL families including single parents, first-time parents AND expectant parents. The services offered include monthly home visits, developmental screenings, toy and books lending resource center, monthly newsletter, parent education seminars, play groups, and parent's day out. For more information call 739-1720, or come to this playtime to learn more.

Creative Writing Workshop Sept 24 | Thur | 6-7p Teens



Teens! Come and express yourself through creative writing. Get inspired with free writing and brainstorming and leave understanding the basics of getting creative with the written word. Please call for more information and to sign up!

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Super Saturday! Sept 26 | Sat | 11a-4p All Ages

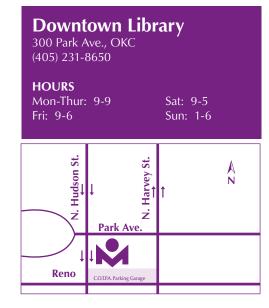
The Library is the Place to Be! Your community, your place! Check out all the library has to offer and more on Super Saturday. Don't miss the biggest library event of the year! Super Saturday is an indoor/outdoor celebration offered in partnership with local businesses and entertainment. There will be food, arts, music, games, storytimes, zoo animals and prizes too! The celebration is held at the Del City Community Center at 4509 SE. 15th St. Call 672-1377 for more information.

Zoo Visit Sept 26 | Sat | 2-2:45p Ages 5-12

It's all happening at the ...library! The Oklahoma City Zoo is bringing the wilderness to the library, and some furry friends too! Kids can go wild and learn about the animals first hand. Please call 672-1377 for more information or to pre-register.

Del City Quilters Sept 29 | Tue | 6-8p Adults

Experienced quilter, Katy Short, will guide new quilters through the basics of quilting. Journey through the creation of quilting by exploring new blocks, learning how to select fabric, and mastering cutting and construction techniques. Please call to register.



Express Lunch Sept 1-28 | Mon-Thur 11a-1p All ages



Every Monday through Thursday customers who need a quick 30 minutes during their lunch hour can visit the Route 66 Computer Lab, have a seat at any open computer and conduct their business. This lab time will be open to visitors and card holders alike. Visitors will be required to show a valid ID. No registration required.

Computer Basics Sept 1 | Tue | 6-7:30p Adults



If, like many, you still need to learn how to use a computer then this is the class for you. We will cover all the most frequently used tools of MS Word and some basic Internet searching tools. This class is held the first Tuesday of every month in the Route 66 Computer Lab on the fist floor of the Downtown Library. Please call 231-8650 to register.

Wednesday Night at the Movies Sept 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed | 6-8p Ages 13 and older

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

Sept 2: The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (2005)
Sept 9: An Unfinished Life (2006)
Sept 16: The Crucible (1996)
Sept 23: Marley & Me (2008)
Sept 30: Cry the Beloved Country (1995)

Noon Tunes Sept 3,10,17,24 | Thur 11:30a-12:30p All ages



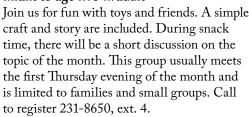
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Music in the Atrium! Enjoy entertainment during lunch. No food? No problem. Sandwiches and more are available for purchase in the 1st Edition Cafe adjoining the Atrium. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Metropolitan Library System. Music groups performing in September are:

Sept 3: Perry Miers Trio-contemporary country originals
Sept 10: Rondeau-light classical
Sept 17: Justin Witte-guitar, harmonica
Sept 24: Route 66-sax quartet

PM Play With Me Sept 3 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p Infant to age five w/adult



Play With Me! Play Group Sept 4 | Fri | 10-10:50a Infant to age 5 w/adult

Join us for fun with toys and friends. A simple craft and story are included. During

snack time, there will be a short discussion on the topic of the month. This group usually meets the first Friday morning of the month and is limited to families and small groups. Call to register 231-8650 ext. 4.

Nine Steps to Becoming Financially Independent Sept 8 | Tue | Noon-1p Adults

Randy Thurman, a certified financial planning professional and CPA, will conduct this timely finance class. Thurman taught Fundamentals of Investing at Oklahoma City Community College. Pre-register at 232-3382 by Friday, September 4 and to obtain more information. Class meets on 4th floor of Downtown Library. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Downtown College.

Children's Book Bunch Book Club Sept 10 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p Children in grades 2-5

Join us the 2nd Thursday of each month for a Children's Book Club. The Book Bunch is limited to children in grades second through fifth. The book to read for September is *Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything In It* by Sundee T. Frazier. Call 231-8650, ext. 4 to register.

Preschool Aerobics Sept 11 | Fri | 10-10:30a Five years and younger with adult



Move to fun music. Enjoy a story and a snack. This program limited to families and small groups. Call 231-8650, ext. 4 to register.

Serenity of Bach: Second Sunday Summer Series Sept 13 | Sun | 2-3p All Ages



Pianist Wayne McEvilly returns to the 46th Star Auditorium at the Downtown Library with a series of free concerts featuring preludes and fugues by Bach. This month's concert is "Music's Spiritual Dimension" which includes preludes and fugues 17-24. All ages welcome.

H1N1-What You Need to Know—NOW! Sept 15 | Tue | Noon-1p Adults

Carol Smith, Emergency Response Educator with the Oklahoma City County Health Department, will present current information about the H1N1 virus (often referred to as the swine flu). Learn what steps you can take to help protect yourself and your family. Call 232-3382 to pre-register by Friday, September 11 and to obtain more information. Co-sponsor: OKC Downtown College Consortium.

Email with Gmail Sept 15 | Tue | 6-7:30p All ages



Email with Gmail will get you up to date with digital communication. In this class you will set up an Email account and then learn how to use it. Features include My Documents, email attachments, instant messaging, folders and more. This class will be held in the Route 66 Computer Lab on the first floor of the Downtown Library. Please call 231-8650 to register.

Secrets to Success in Country and

Western Music Sept 15 | Tue 6:30-8:30p Adults



Nashville producer and author, Gabriel Farago will present a seminar based upon his new book, Secrets to Success in Country Music. "You hear a new voice on the radio practically everyday," says Farago, "but the key to getting the break you need is being able to prove what you have to offer. And that takes a lot of specialized know-how". Farago has had several records on the Billboard charts, and his insights on how to create a marketable "star" image can help talent from all types of music. Farago will also appear at Edmond and Midwest City libraries. Information and pre-registration call: Downtown 606-3879.

Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me Sept 17,24 | Thur 6:30-7:30p Infant - Age 4 with parent or guardian



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

Preschool Storytime Sept 18 | Fri | 10-10:45a Ages 1-5



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

Children Reading to Dogs Sept 19 | Sat | 3-4p Children who can read



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

Ken Burns' "National Parks" Sept 24 | Thur | 10:30-11:30a and 1-2p All ages

Ken Burns new film series about the National Parks will soon air on PBS. The Downtown Library will present a film program, which includes photography and a history of the National Parks. The process of creating the PBS film series will also be discussed. Choose either the 10:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. showing in the 46th Star Auditorium. Everyone is invited to this free program.

Parent Talk Sept 24 | Thur | 2-4:30p Parents of infants to 5 yrs



Parents schedule your one-on-one private session with a Child Guidance Specialist from Oklahoma City-County Health Department. You may ask questions, receive guidance on development issues and typical child development mile stones. Call 425-4412 to schedule your appointment.

Music Play with Miss Ginger Sept 25 | Fri | 10-10:50a Ages 2-5 with adult



Enjoy songs, musical games and a story with Ginger Waldrip of Ginger's Kindermusik. Plan to come every fourth Friday of the month. Instruments will be provided for those who have registered at 231-8650, ext. 4.

Launching of Respect, Diversity, Art and Poetry Contest Sept 27 | Sun | 1:30-4:30p All ages

Children's book author Dr. Cheryl Steele, best-selling author Michael Korenblit and nationally recognized artist Patrick Riley will launch the 2009-2010 state wide Respect Diversity Art & Poetry Contest during a storytelling, seminar and art workshops at the Downtown Library. For more information or to register call 231-8650, ext. 4.

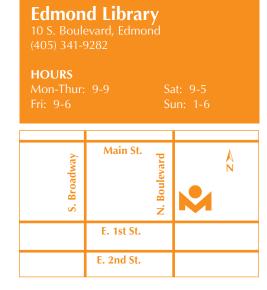
Starting and Running a Business in Oklahoma: Find It - Legal Resources @ Your Library Sept 28 | Mon | 5:30-7p

Adults

Join us as professionals from the business world present information on how to succeed in starting and running a business in Oklahoma. Question and answer session will follow. This is part of a series featuring legal resources available for public use at the Downtown Library and the Oklahoma County Law Library. Register at 606-3879. Meets in Classroom C-D on the 4th Floor. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma County Law Library.

A Woman's Guide to Money Matters Sept 29 | Tue | Noon-1p Adults

Bring your mother, sister, daughter, and friends! Together we'll learn what you can do now to help address your financial goals and create a strategy for the future. Instructor: Rick Johnson. Free and open to all ages. Call 232-3382 to pre-register by Friday, September 25 or to obtain more information. Co-sponsor: OKC Downtown College.



Lapsit: Playtime and Story Time Sept 1,8,15,22 | Tue 9:30-10a and 10:15-10:45a and 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.

GED Test Preparation Class Sept 1,3,8,10,15,17,22,24,29 Tue & Thur | 5:30-8:30p Adults



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

55+ Coffee Break Sept 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed | 9:30-11a Seniors

This is a Coffee Break just for you. Snacks, good conversation, Scrabble or games you bring yourself. Find out about new books offered in the library system. Don't miss out on the fun, drop in at the 55+ coffee break.

Parachute Play Sept 2 | Wed | 10-10:30a Ages 3-6



Playing games with a parachute, children will have the opportunity to practice skills such as: following directions, socializing with others, using language, using small and large muscles and remaining in control during very active play. Class size is limited to 24, twelve children and twelve adults. Call 425-4412 to register. Facilitated by Pam Collins and Dan Hester. Co-Sponsor: OCCHD.

Computer Instruction with Eddie Sept 2,9,16,23,30 | 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.

Intermediate ESL Sept 2,9,14,16,21,23,28,30 Mon & Wed | 1-4p Adults



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For students who have previously attended an ESL class or who are already acquainted with English and would like to practice more advanced language skills. If you would like to enroll in this class, you should call the Oklahoma City Community College Adult Education Office at 682-7873. Co-sponsor: OCCC.

Beginning ESL Sept 2,9,14,16,21,23,28,30 Mon & Wed | 5:30-8:30p Adults



For students who have not previously studied English, and who would like to begin at the beginning. Classes provided by Oklahoma City Community College. If you would like to enroll in this class, please call Oklahoma City Community College adult education at 682-7873.

Computer Instruction with Dave Sept 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed 7-8p

Ages 18 & older

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

Reading to Dogs Sept 3,17 | Thur 6:30-7:30p Young readers



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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.

Music With Susan Sept 11,25 | Fri | 9:30-10a and 10:15-10:45a Ages 2-3



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

Music With Susan Sept 11,25 | Fri | 11-11:30a ₍ Ages 4-5



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

Reader's Choice Book Discussion Sept 12 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon Adults

The Reader's Choice group will encourage you to read and discuss outstanding contemporary fiction. Visit a meeting and enjoy lively discussion. The book this month is *Message in a Bottle* by Nicholas Sparks. Call the library to reserve your copy.

The Edmond Book Bunch Sept 12 | Sat | 2-3:30p Seniors

The members of the "Book Bunch" all enjoy reading and discussing challenging and meaningful literature. This week's book is *Out Stealing Horses* by Per Petterson. Check with the library to reserve copiesy.

Secrets of Success in Country and Western Music Sept 12 | Sat | 2-4p Adults

Nashville producer and author, Gabriel Farago, is presenting a career-launching potential seminar based upon his new book, Secrets of Success in Country Music. "You hear a new voice on the radio practically everyday," says Farago, "but the key to getting the break you need is being able to prove what you have to offer. And that takes a lot of specialized know-how". In this free workshop he will share his know-how from many years of personal experience that gave him several records on the Billboard charts. His insights on how to create a marketable "star" image would help talent from all types of music. For information and pre-registration call 341-9282.

Advanced Farsi Sept 13,20,27 | Sun 1:30-3:30p Adults and Teens



Learn the Farsi (Persian) language from an expert. There will be a \$20 per month per student charge. Two separate classes will be provided, one for advanced, one for beginners. Advanced only is for 1:30 to 2:30, beginners from 2:30 to 3:30. All written materials are provided by instructor.

Beginning Farsi Sept 13,20,27 | Sun 2:30-3:30p Adults and Teens



Learn the Farsi (Persian) language from an expert. There will be a \$20. per month per student charge. Two separate classes will be provided, one for advanced, one for beginners. Beginners meet from 2:30 to 3:30. All written materials are provided by the instructor.

Preschool Story Time Sept 14 | Mon | 10-10:30a Ages 3-5



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

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

difference in the lives of a generation of Indian youth, and a collection of Native American poetry 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.
 Sept 5 Jim Barnes, Oklahoma Poet Laureate

and retired Distinguished Professor of English and Creative Writing at Brigham Young University, will discuss *On Native Ground*.

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Shanghai, a story of how one man made a

Guests and program schedules are subject to change without notice.

Sept 12 Patti Dickinson,Oklahoman of Cherokee ancestry, will discuss *Coach Tommy Thompson & the Boys of Sequoyah.*

Sept 19 Lisa See, internationally acclaimed novelist from California, will discuss *Shanghai Girls*.

Sept 26 Will Thomas, Tulsa librarian and Oklahoma Book Award winner, will discuss *The Black Hand*, the fifth in a series featuring a Victorian sleuth.

Sustainable Edmond Sept 15 | Tue | 6:30-8p Adults

At this monthly meeting of Sustainable Edmond member discuss how to improve quality of life in our community in ways that make sense economically, environmentally, and socially. Sustainable Edmond promotes environmental stewardship through individual, community, and business understanding of environmental issues.Co-sponsor: Sustainable Oklahoma.

Readers' Theater: Acting Without Memorizing Sept 17 | 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 register by calling 341-9282 x 4 or stop by the Children's Desk at the library.

Basic Computers for Seniors Sept 19 | Sat | 2-3p Seniors

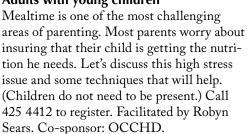
This is a free basic computer class geared toward Seniors who know little about the world of computing. Topics covered will be: Email, the Windows clipboard, quick keys: copy, move & paste, and computer icons. FAQ's will be discussed and participants' questions will be addressed. Call 341-9282, ext 3.

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Chess Club for Kids Sept 21 | Mon | 3:30-5p Ages 8-13

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

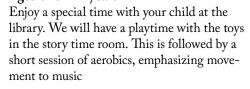
Mealtime Hassles Sept 23 | Wed | 3:30-5p Adults with young children



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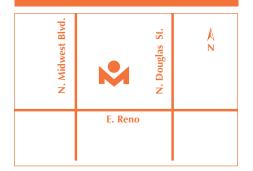
Lapsit: Playtime and Toddlerobics Sept 29 | Tue | 9:30-10a and 10:15-10:45a and 11-11:30a Ages birth - 2 years



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



Masks! Exhibit Sept 1-30 | Library Hours All ages

The Midwest City Library is pleased to host the work of G. Patrick Riley, a nationally recognized mask maker, arts educator and administrator, in the Lobby Gallery during September. Mr. Riley has exhibited masks and presented masks workshops in the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington D.C and the Fairtree Gallery of Contemporary Craft in New York City. He is on the Oklahoma Arts Council's Artist in Residence Program and has served as Visual Arts Coordinator for Oklahoma City Public Schools. Riley received the Oklahoma Governor's Arts Award in 1995. The exhibit is free and open to the public during all library hours.

Woodcarvers of Oklahoma City Sept 1-30 | Library Hours All ages

The Woodcarvers of Oklahoma City will exhibit their work in the Lobby Gallery of the Midwest City Library throughout the month of September. The exhibit is free and open to the public all library hours.

Tutoring Sept 1-30 | Library Hours Ages 5-18

The Midwest City Library is seeking peer tutors (tutors below the age of 18) and tutees (school age) for the 2009/2010 academic school year. If your child requires tutoring for a specific subject or, if you would like to tutor a child, please contact Suzette at the Midwest City Library or call 405-732-4828.

Family Place: 1-2-3 Play With Me Sept 1,8,15,22 | Tue 10-10:45a and 11-11:45a Infant to age 4 with parent or guardian



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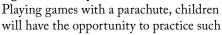
Kid's Only Video Game Party Sept 1 | Tue | 4-5p Ages 6-12

Calling all kids. Come to the library for an afternoon of video gaming. We will have Nintendo Wii, Playstation 2 and Gamecube. All games are rated E or E10+. Registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

Mid-Del Toastmasters Sept 1,8,15,22,29 | Tue | 6-8p Adults

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

Parachute Play Sept 2 | Wed | 10:30-11a Ages 3-6 with parents



skills as following directions, socializing with others, using language, using small and large muscles, and remaining in control during very active play. Class size is limited to 20. Call 425-4412 to preregister. Facilitated by Cheryl Custer and Tracy Goebel. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Dept.

Adult Movie Night Sept 2 | Wed | 5-7p Adults

The Midwest City Library will show a funny yet intriguing film about a young man seeking to earn extra money while attending prep school. He finds a job caring for a blind, retired miltary man who takes the young student on a ride of his life. To attend the viewing of this classic movie please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

Reptiles and Amphibians! Sept 3 | Thur | 7:30-8:45p All Ages

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

Saturday Morning Cartoons Sept 5 | Sat | 10a-Noon All ages

Join us for popcorn and the Disney/Pixar film about a family of superheros.

Alive @ 25 Sept 5 | Sat | 1-5p Teens



Alive At 25 is a program that teaches young adults and teens to drive safely. The number one cause of teen deaths in the US is car accidents. To help reduce teen deaths the Midwest City Library, in partnership with the Midwest City Police Department, will offer this valuable class free. To attend please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

Crocheting and Knitting Sept 8,22 | Tue | 10a-Noon All Ages

Crocheting and Knitting is a fun hobby for all ages. Instructor Kathy Brown will guide participants, regardless of experience, on how to make wonderful items. This program is free; needles and thread provided by the library. To attend please register at 405-732-4828 or register at the Information Desk.

Children Reading to Dogs Sept 8,22 | Tue | 7-7:30p Children who can read



Read to a specially trained dog who loves to hear a good book! The dogs particularly enjoy hearing one of the dog stories we will have, but you can bring your own book too. It is especially valuable in building self confidence and self-esteem for those needing an uncritical, appreciative, listening audience to improve reading skills. All dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams. Space is limited, so please register by calling 732-4828 or by visiting the Information Desk.

Play Day Sept 10 | Thur | 4-5p Ages 5-8



Have you ever looked in the Family Room and wished you could go in to play with all the toys? Well here is your chance! Children ages 5 to 8 can join us for an hour of free play, games and activities. For more information or to sign-up, call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk.

German for Beginners Sept 10,17,24 | Thur | 6-7p Adults



Interested in learning German? Every Thursday from 6:00-7:00 p.m. the Midwest City Library will offer free German classes. If interested, please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

Good Night, Sleep Tight Sept 10 | Thur | 6-7:30p Parents/caregivers of small children



Good Night or Bedtime Battle?? We will focus on the importance of routines for bedtime, normal expectations at different ages, and how our schedule during the day affects sleep at night. Suggestions to help children develop good sleep patterns will be discussed. Facilitated by Sarita Naegeli. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.

Hunters' Safety Education Safety Course Sept 12 | Sat | 9a-2p Ages 10 and older

This home-study-based course is designed to improve your hunter safety skills and performance on hunter safety tests. You must either obtain a workbook directly from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation or pick up a workbook up at the Midwest City Library. You must complete the workbook prior to class and bring it with you to the class.

children & FAMILIES Specific details about the ODWC Hunter's Education program can also be viewed online at www.wildlifedepartment.com/hunted2.htm. Participants ages 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required. To register, please call 732-4828. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma Wildlife Department

Community Quilting Class with the Soldier Creek Quilting Group Sept 14,21,28 | 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 and assist other members. A supply list is available at the Information Desk. Contact Mary Okulski at 733-0564 for more information. Co-sponsor: Soldier Creek Quilting Group.

YA Gamefest Sept 14 | Mon | 4-5:30p Ages 10-16



Game on! Bring your friends and play video games like Guitar Hero, Wii Sports, Super Smash Bros, DDR, Rock Band, and more. Games are rated E, E10+, and T.

Whose Line Is It Anyway? Sept 14 | Mon | 5:30-7p Ages 10-16



Love to improv? Come to the Midwest City Library and participate with a host of young adults that have fun. Dates are: September 14, 21, 28.

Secrets of Success in Country and Western Music Sept 14 | Mon | 6:30p Adults



Nashville producer and author, Gabriel Farago, is presenting a career-launching potential seminar based upon his new book, Secrets of Success in Country Music. "You hear a new voice on the radio practically everyday," says Farago, "but the key to getting the break you need is being able to prove what you have to offer. And that takes a lot of specialized know-how". In this free workshop he will share his know-how from many years of personal experience that gave him several records on the Billboard charts. His insights on how to create a marketable "star" image would help talent from all types of music. For information and pre-registration call 341-9282.

Midwest City Reader's Society Sept 15 | Tue | 10a-Noon Adults

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

Trip Around the World Sept 15 | Tue | 6-7:30p Third-Sixth Grade

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to travel the globe right in your very own local library. This innovative and hands-on experience for children in grades three through six is sponsored by the Junior League of Oklahoma City. Kids 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-sponsor: Junior League of Oklahoma City.

Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County

Sept 17 | Thur | 3:30-5p Midwest City Library 8143 E. Reno Midwest City, OK 73110 405.732.4828

The public is welcome to attend.

AAA Motor Vehicle Crash Prevention Course

Sept 19 | Sat | 9a-4p Licensed Drivers

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

Yugioh Card Tournament Sept 25 | Fri | 3:30-5:30p All ages

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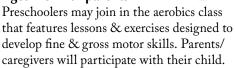
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No pre-registration required.

Chess Club Sept 26 | Sat | 11:30a-1p All Ages

Interested in the game of chess or want to boost your skills in one of the oldest mind games? Come to the Midwest City Library at 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please register at the information desk or call 405-732-4828.

Toddler Aerobics Sept 29 | Tue 10-10:30a and 11-11:30a Ages 2-5 with parents



Registration is required and begins one week before the scheduled program. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

Pajama Story Night Sept 29 | Tue | 7-7:30p Children of all ages



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

Nicoma Park Library

2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park (405) 769-9452

HOURS



M & Sun: Closed



Storytime with Ms. Krystal Sept 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed 1:30-2:30p Ages 1-5



Come join Ms. Krystal for "STORYTIME" every Wednesday from 1:30pm-2:30pm. There will be stories, songs, games and crafts and "FUN". For more information call the library at 769-9452.

Children Reading to Dogs Sept 10,17 | Thur 3:30-4:30p Ages 3 and older



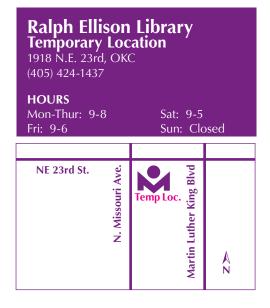
Children improve their reading skill by reading to D'Leo and his owner who are trained and certified as a therapy team by Therapy Dogs International. Bring your favorite book or choose one of ours to read. For more information call the library at 769-9452.

Choctaw Women's Aglow Sept 12 | Sat | 9:40a-Noon Adults

The interdenominational International Women's Aglow of Choctaw meets every second Saturday. Inspirational speakers,

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fellowship and refreshments. For more information, please call: 371-7316 or 677-8909.



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

Watch for the soon-to-be re-opened and newly renovated Ralph Ellison Library returning to 2000 NE 23 soon!

Southern Oaks Library 6900 S. Walker, OKC

(405) 631-4468



Sat: 9-5



Celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month! Sept 1-30 | Library Hours All ages

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. A library card connects people of all ages to the whole world of ideas and information. We encourage people to check out what's new at the library by signing up for a library card. Libraries offer more than just books - we have access to public computers, Wi-Fi, books, newspapers, magazines, online databases, CDs, DVDs, audio books, assistance from professional reference librarians, and programs for children, teens, adults and seniors. Visit the Southern Oaks Library anytime during the month of September to enter our drawing for an MP3 player, DVD player, and an assortment of gift baskets.

Identity Theft Sept 1 | Tue | 11a-12:30p Adults

Are your Medicare benefits protected from Identity Theft? Do you understand how to use your Medicare Benefits? Are you helping your parents who are on Medicare? Come and join us for an informational review of your options. The free workshop is presented by Eunice Khoury host of Well Preserved and Linda Clure. Call 631-4468 to register or sign up at the Reference Desk

GED

Sept 2,9,14,16,21,23,28,30 Mon & Wed | 3-6p Age 16 & older



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

Score Small Business Counseling Sept 4,18 | Fri | 10a-1p Adults

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

Southern Oaks Book Club Sept 8 | Tue | 11:30a-12:30p Adults

If you enjoy reading and discussing books, come to the Southern Oaks Library the second Tuesday of each month for our book club. New members are welcome. Call 631-4468 to reserve your copy of the current book selection. Anime Club Sept 9,23 | Wed 6:30-8:30p Ages 14 and older



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

Toddler Aerobics Sept 12 | Sat | 10:30-11:10a Children ages 2-5 with parent/guardian



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

Preschool Storytime Sept 14,21,28 | Mon 10:30-11:10a Children ages 2-6 with parent/caregiver



Introduce young children to books and reading at our fun storytimes! 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.

International Talk Like a Pirate Day Sept 19 | Sat | 1:30-4p All ages

It's international talk like a pirate day! Come celebrate with a real swashbuckling adventure. We will have a scavenger hunt, piratical costume contest, crafts, games and more. It's time to party, Matey!!

Homework Help Sept 22,29 | Tue | 4-6p Grades 1-5

Do you know someone who needs help with a last minute assignment? or maybe they just need help bringing up their reading scores? High school and college students will be available to answer questions and read with young people. Pre-registration required. Free.

Kids Create Sept 24 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p

Kids ages 8-12

Unleash your creativity! Come join us for some arts & crafts and writing activities for kids. We'll have fun creating new things. Feel free to bring a craft project you've done, or something you've written to share with us. Sign up at the Information Desk or by calling 631-4468.

Build Your Own Business Sept 28 | Mon | 6:30-7:30p Adults

Learn why business plans are important,

where to find funding, and how to start and manage your own business. Seminar is presented by SCORE, "Counselors to America's small Business", a non-profit organization dedicated to entrepreneur education and the success of small businesses nationwide. SCORE is a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Co-sponsor: SBA.

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 Sept 3,10,17,24 | Thur 3:30-4:30p Children who can read



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

Family Place: 1-2-3 Play With Me Sept 3,10,17,24 | Thur 10-11a Infant to age 4 w/parent



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

Preschool Storytime Sept 8,15,22,29 | Tue 10-10:30a Ages 2-6



Come join us for storytime! We'll have stories, songs and occasional crafts. Please pre-register by calling 755-0710 or stopping by the Information Desk.

Build Your Own Business Sept 14 | Mon | 6:30-8p Adults

Learn why business plans are important, where to find funding, and how to start and manage your own business. Seminar is presented by SCORE, "Counselors to America's Small Business", a non-profit organization dedicated to entrepreneur education and the success of small businesses nationwide. SCORE is a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Co-sponsor: SBA.

Introduction to MS Excel Sept 14,21,28 | Mon 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 p.m. Scheduled in 30 minute to one hour sessions per individual. Come in or call to reserve your instruction time. Village Library (405) 755-0710.

Baby Signs Workshop Sept 16 | Wed | 3-4:30p Parents of children 9-22 months



Baby sign teaches communication before babies are able to use words. This fun and interactive signing class teaches how to include signs naturally while interacting with your child through daily routines and play. Learn and practice approximately 50 signs. Please call 425-4412 to register. Co-sponsor: OCCHD

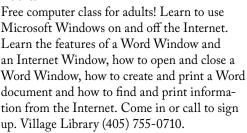
Anime Club Sept 17 | Thur | 4-5p Teens



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

Computer Basics Sept 17 | Thur | 6:30-8p Adults



Book Discussion Group Sept 21 | Mon | 3-4p Adults

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

Good Night, Sleep Tight Sept 22 | Tue | 6-7p Parents of small children



Good Night or Bedtime Battle?? We will focus on the importance of routines for bedtime, normal expectations at different ages, and how our schedule during the day affects sleep at night. Suggestions to help children develop good sleep patterns will be discussed. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Department.

Trip Around the World Sept 23 | Wed | 6-7:30p Third-Sixth Grade

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to travel the globe right in your very own local library. This innovative and hands-on experience for children in grades three through six is sponsored by the Junior League of Oklahoma City. Kids 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-sponsor: Junior League of Oklahoma City.

Knitty Committee Sept 26 | Sat | 10-11a All Ages

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



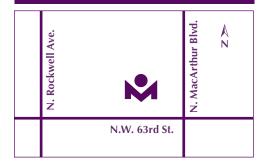
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Warr Acres Library

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

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

Sat: 9-5 Sun: Closed



FSL Sept 2,9,14,16,21,23,28,30 Mon & Wed | 5:30-8p Adults



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

Build Your Own Business Sept 8 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p Adults

Learn why business plans are important, where to find funding, and how to start and manage your own business. Seminar is presented by SCORE, "Counselors to America's Small Business", a non-profit organization dedicated to entrepreneur education and the success of small businesses nationwide. SCORE is a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Co-sponsor: SBA.

Playtime for Babies and Tots Sept 9,16,23,30 | Wed 9:15-10a and 10:30-11:15a 8 to 30 months old



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 Sept 10 | Thur 6:30-7:30p Ages 6 and older



Loveable dogs and their trained owners will help children develop reading skills. So grab a favorite book and enjoy a time of reading. Dogs and their owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams by Therapy Dogs International. Please pre-register.

Family Place: 1-2-3 Play With Me Sept 12,19,26 | Sat 10:30-11:30a Infant to age 4 with parent



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

Warr Acres Book Club Sept 14 | Mon | 11a-Noon Adults

The Warr Acres Library Book Club meets the second Monday of each month. Our book will be Matters of Faith by Kristy Kiernan.

Story Time for Preschoolers Sept 15,29 | Tue 10:30-11:15a Ages 2 1/2 - 5 years



Children will enjoy stories and other fun activities with Miss Alma and her puppets. Please pre-register by calling 721-2616.

Game Night Sept 17 | Thur | 6:30-8p Ages 12 -17



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Come join us for Rockband Super Smash Brothers and more! Please call ahead to register 721-2616.

Parent Talk Sept 18 | Fri | 9a-Noon Adults

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

Warr Acres Coffee Break Sept 21 | Mon | 9:30-10:30a Adults

You are invited to join us for coffee and light refreshments. Bring a friend or meet someone new at the library. Relax and enjoy mingling with other book lovers.

Getting Started in NoveList Plus Sept 22 | Tue | 7-8p Adults

You will learn how to use NovelList Plus to find wonderful books-both fiction and nonfiction. Do you want to know the order of a series of books? Do you want similar books to your favorite story? Do you wonder who writes in a similar style to an author? NovelList Plus can help you find recommended reads, award winners, discussion guides, curricular connections, and more. Please join us to explore this database available to cardholders any time from www. metrolibrary.org. Call 721-2616 to pre-register for the class.

Pajama Story Time for Preschoolers Sept 24 | Thur | 6:30-7:15p _____ Ages 2 1/2 - 5 years



Fall stories for preschoolers and their families with Miss Alma and her puppets. Honey Bear will wear his pajamas, and your youngsters can, too. Specials snacks will be provided. Pre-register at 721-2616.

Concert: Double Play Flute and Tuba Sept 29 | Tue | 7-8p All Ages



Double Play flute and tuba has been active as a performing/touring ensemble since 1989. Although based in Phoenix, Arizona; this husband and wife team travels the country extensively each year, entertaining and educating audiences of all ages in a variety of venues from concert halls to classrooms. Amy Ridings, flutist, and Patrick Sciannella, tubaist, create their own unique arrangements of many classical standards as well as presenting the occasional, actual flute and tuba composition!





2009 CALENDAR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 Libraries Closed	7 Libraries Closed	8	9	10	11	12
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27	28	29	30			

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.

Cain, James M. The Postman Always Rings Twice; Double Indemnity; Mildred Pierce; And Selected Stories. With an introd. by Robert Polito.

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Never a favorite of Raymond Chandler's, Cain wrote three of the best remembered noir novels from the 1930s and '40s, and all of them are included in this omnibus volume. Prepare yourself for some dark nights and some even darker plotting. Hardboiled Mystery Writers: Raymond Chandler, Dashiell Hammett, Ross Macdonald: A Literary Reference. Ed. by M.J. Bruccoli and Richard Layman. 813/H258Zh

The modern American crime novel began with Hammett, even before *The Maltese Falcon*. He, Chandler and Macdonald are, for most readers, the Big Three of the hard-boiled detective writers. If you want to find out more about their lives and work, start here.

We're here to serve you.

MLS LIBRARIES	Μ	Т	W	TH	F	S	S
BELLE ISLE 5501 N. Villa, OKC, 843-9601	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
BETHANY 3510 N. Mueller, Bethany, 789-8363	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	_
CAPITOL HILL 334 S.W. 26th, OKC, 634-6308	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	_
CHOCTAW 2525 Muzzy Street, Choctaw, 390-8418	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	_
DEL CITY 4509 S.E. 15th, Del City, 672-1377	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	_
DOWNTOWN 300 Park Ave., OKC, 231-8650	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
EDMOND 10 S. Boulevard, Edmond, 341-9282	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
MIDWEST CITY 8143 E. Reno, MWC, 732-4828	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
RALPH ELLISON** OKC, 424-1437	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	
SOUTHERN OAKS 6900 S. Walker, OKC, 631-4468	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
THE VILLAGE 10307 N. Pennsylvania Avenue, The Village, 755-0710	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	
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MLS EXTENSION LIBRARIES*	Μ	Т	W	ТН	F	S	S
*HARRAH 1930 N. Church Avenue, Harrah, 454-2001	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9-5	9-5	_
*JONES 111 E. Main, Jones, 399-5471	_	9:30-5:30	_	9:30-5:30	_	1-5	_
*LUTHER 310 N.E. 3rd, Luther, 277-9967	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9-5	9-5	-
*NICOMA PARK 2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park, 769-9452	_	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9-5	9-5	-
*WRIGHT 2101 Exchange, OKC, 235-5035	_	10-5:30	10-5:30	10-5:30	10-3	10-3	_

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

The Metropolitan Library System of Oklahoma County / www.metrolibrary.org