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New *info*

We've said it before and we'll say it again—probably every year at this time: September 19 is International Talk Like a Pirate Day. That's a Sunday in 2010, so the Choctaw Library is celebrating all things piratical beforehand (or beforehook) with their "Aargh! Pirate Party" on the 11th, and their "Talk Like a Pirate" blast on the 16th. Check the MLS Calendar of Events in this issue for more information.

Also in this issue of *info*, our resident historian introduces us to the second official mayor of Oklahoma City, a man best known for being not known at all. It's another peek into the lesser-known history of central Oklahoma as only Larry Johnson can show it to us.

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A Regular Guy

by Larry Johnson

A genuine hero in World War II, Vice Admiral Marc Mitscher's carrier command was the "most powerful and destructive naval unit in history" and his battle resumé reads like an encyclopedia of the Pacific war.





I still remember my first two lessons in civics. In my memory they were learned on the same day, but on reflection I'm sure they were not because one has nothing to do with the other, and because Mrs. Schoeffler seemed always to be interjecting civics lessons into everyday life in first grade at Oak Crest Elementary. At home I was indoctrinated into party politics, but at school Mrs. Schoeffler taught me to be a good American.

The first lesson was that anyone of us, regardless of race, gender or creed, could become President – even Dee Dee, my chief rival. The second we learned after Ritchie S. was bullied because his father was in prison: in America, no child has to pay for the sins of the parents. It's that second one, or rather the opposite of it, that occurred to me as I pondered the career of Oklahoma City's second official mayor.

Oscar A. Mitscher could best be described as a caretaker mayor. In office from 1892-1894, he was not particularly



Oklahoma City's second official mayor, Oscar A. Mitscher

ambitious as a businessman, though he was a partner in a dry goods store. Nor was he particularly suited for politics, except that he was not a troublemaker and was useful to kingmakers like Henry Overholser who preferred not to be bogged down by the vagaries of democracy in pursuit of his economic manifest destiny. The fact

that the two men were from Wisconsin surely was not lost on them.

During Mitscher's term, though not of his making, the city languished as the population dropped below 10,000, the hydropower canal filled with sand, the electric plant went belly up and the rickety financial system all but collapsed in the Panic of 1893. Though he was not an

expansionist or a reformer, Mitscher did a decent job as city exec, primarily because he resisted attempts to close Oklahoma City to drinking and gambling which would have effectively snuffed out any chance for growth at that critical stage in the city's development. And when Norman was nearly erased by a tornado, he personally led a relief



Vice Admiral Marc Mitscher

mission from Oklahoma City to aid in its rebuilding.

Despite his brief career as a political mediocrity, the single greatest thing O. A. Mitscher is known for is the creation of Vice Admiral Marc Mitscher. The Magnificent Mitscher. Marc was one of our state's earliest Naval Academy graduates and went on to

become a pioneer in naval aviation aboard the nation's first aircraft carrier. A genuine hero in World War II, his carrier command was the "most powerful and destructive naval unit in history" and his battle resume reads like an encyclopedia of the Pacific war.

So that brings me to my civics lesson. If a child cannot be judged because of the sins of the father, can a father take credit for the success of the child? Well, if my college-bound daughter cures cancer or saves the world, you dang well better believe it!



The Magnificent Mitscher in a A-type seaplane in Pensacola, circa 1916.

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



Betrayers by Bill Pronzini

reviewed by Doug Bentin



Bill Pronzini's series of novels and short stories chronicling the life and investigations of the Nameless Detective is the longest running active private eye series in print. Nameless, whose actual first name is "Bill," only grows more interesting as he grows older. Now he's married and has an adopted 13-year old daughter. His detective agency has expanded from just him to a threesome.

This time out, each of the partners has his or her own case to solve, but the heart of the book begins pumping when Nameless' daughter brings home a small tin box stuffed full of cocaine. Her adolescent code won't allow her to talk about where

she found it or to whom it belongs, so her dad has to use all his investigative skills to find out for himself. It's a journey that takes him to a dark place no parent wants to visit.

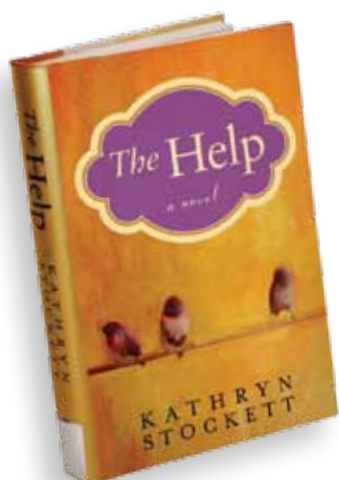
As always, Pronzini proves himself to be a master of his craft. His prose is clean and to the point, but still has time to wax poetic every so often. He has been called one of the most underrated writers in the mystery field. Read *Betrayers* and you'll wonder why.

Doug Bentin also reviews movies for The Oklahoma Gazette.



The Help by Kathryn Stockett

reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



Jackson, Mississippi, in the 1960s was not an easy place to live and work if you were a black maid employed by a white family. One step out of line and the nicest thing that would happen is that you would be fired and your reputation would be ruined.

When Skeeter Phelan, a young white woman, graduated from college and came back home to Jackson, she applied for a job in a New York publishing house. She was laughingly told she needed to learn to write first and was advised to write about something that disturbed her. Skeeter was disturbed by the disappearance of the black maid who had raised her. Neither Skeeter's mother nor any of the other maids would tell Skeeter why she was gone. She was also aghast at the way her two best friends treated the maids who cared for their children and cleaned their homes.

Skeeter decided to write a book of interviews in which the maids anonymously revealed the inside stories of their lives. The maids were understandably reluctant to risk their jobs and their lives by participating in Skeeter's scheme, but certain events gradually gave them the courage to stand up for themselves and their people. This story is a sad reminder for those who lived during that turbulent time and a good education for those who didn't.

This title is also available in large print, as a sound recording, an Adobe EPUB eBook, and as an OverDrive WMA Audiobook.

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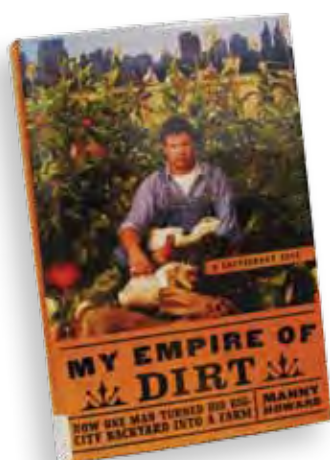
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ON THE SHELF

My Empire of Dirt: How One Man Turned His Big-City Backyard Into a Farm: A Cautionary Tale

by Manny Howard

reviewed by Jana Hausburg



"...I do believe that we have lost a fundamental connection to the food we eat—a confident understanding of not only where our food is from, but also what is in it."

He thought it was a simple plan. But Manny Howard had no idea what he was getting into.

At the bequest of *New York* magazine, where he works, Howard turned his 800-square-foot Brooklyn backyard into The Farm. With no experience, little research, and a penchant for catastrophe, what began as an investigation into the locavore movement -- those who eat food primarily from their local area -- turned Howard's family life into chaos, sowed marital discord, and resulted in the loss of a finger. He even suffered

from momentary hallucinations that whispered nuggets of wisdom to the struggling urban farmer from amid the tomatoes, eggplant, collard greens and callaloo.

As the experiment progressed, Howard managed (just barely) to feed himself for four weeks. In the process, he wasn't transformed into a committed locavore, although he did keep a flock of plucky chickens when his experiment ended. (It was too hard to let go of those fresh eggs.) Instead, he's left with a realization of the amount of work, the cost, and the physical toll of producing our own food.

Jana Hausburg is a reference librarian at the Downtown Library. She is also the author of It Wasn't Much.

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Half Broke Horses, A True-Life Novel

by Jeannette Walls

reviewed by Anita Roesler



Lily Casey Smith began life in 1901 in a dugout in west Texas, the first of three children born to a disabled father who had served time in jail and a devout mother who preferred to be an invalid. By age five she was helping her father break horses and at six she was in charge of the process. She saved her younger brother and sister from a flash flood when she was ten. At 15 she rode alone on horseback 500 miles to teach on the Arizona frontier. She was a determined and resourceful young woman, although bull-headed, and was fired from many teaching positions. After a disastrous marriage, she returned to Arizona and became the "mustang-breaking-poker-playing-horse-racing-schoolmarm" and married Big Jim Smith.

This novel is based on the real-life stories told to Lily's granddaughter. Lily is not a lovable critter, but she did many things in her life that required

courage, dedication and love, and experienced her fair share of heartbreak. Some of her accomplishments include running liquor during Prohibition (hiding the hooch under the baby's crib), earning a college degree in her 30's, learning to drive a car and fly an airplane, and running a 100,000 acre ranch.

This is a great story that reads as a narrative history of Lily's life and leaves me ready for other titles by this author. Walls is a natural storyteller and brings Lily and her beliefs to life. You'll enjoy this book.

This title is also available in large print and as an audiobook.

Anita Roesler is the MLS Senior Services Coordinator. She is also a musical performer and loves to read books on knitting and crocheting.



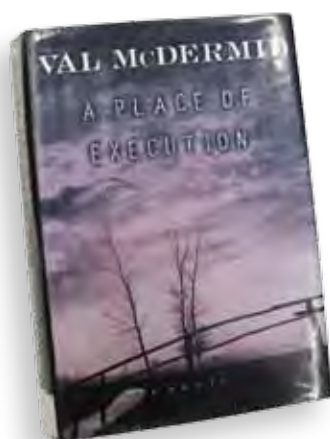
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A Place of Execution

by Val McDermid

reviewed by Nancy Lytle



In Dec. 1963 in a suburb of Manchester, England, 13-year-old Alison Carter goes missing. Her dog Shep is found tied up and muzzled with tape. Hours later a piece of the girl's coat is found on a twig and blood on the tree trunk a quarter mile from where the dog had been tied.

Detective Inspector Bennett is called in to solve the case. What began as a search for the girl soon becomes a search for her body and her murderer. Years later, after Det. Bennett has retired, he discovers new evidence about the case, evidence he must keep secret.

Recalling the real life Moors Murders of children in Manchester going on during the early 1960s, McDermid weaves a tale, both believable and

mystifying. Is young Alison Carter a victim of the serial killers, or is there an even more twisted scenario playing out?

This mystery is one you will not soon forget. And a bit of trivia: a Stieg Larsson character, Mikael Blomkvist in the *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, reads Val McDermid novels. There is a clue in *A Place of Execution* that relates closely to the Dragon Tattoo novel.

This title is also available as an audiobook.

Nancy Lytle is a communication specialist for the Metropolitan Library System. In real life she grows herbs, practices Tai Chi, hikes and photographs her dogs, much to their irritation.

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The Devil Amongst the Lawyers

by Sharyn McCrumb

reviewed by Anita Roesler



Once again, McCrumb has crafted a tale of mystical Appalachian. Erma Morton is on trial for murdering her father and a small Virginia community is overrun with reporters. Her eye-on-the-dollar brother sold the exclusive rights to her story to a big city newspaper that insists on portraying the mountain town as backwards, annoying the townspeople and jeopardizing Erma's defense. The restrictions on information leave small town journalist, Carl Jennings, scrambling for facts to write his first big story. Carl turns to his 12-year old cousin Nora Bonesteel and her "gift of sight" for help in getting to the truth.

Erma Morton is a beautiful young woman who left her remote mountain community to attend college, only to return to the life from which she escaped. For the three reporters from New York,

Henry, Rose and Shade, the trip to the backwoods brings reminiscences of their youth and struggles told in chapters alternating their past and present lives and connecting the past to the present. This story is based on a true-life murder that took place during the time in which the book is set, The Great Depression. It was never solved although we, of course, get to know the whole story.

I really like all of Sharyn McCrumb's *Ballad* series although *Songcatcher* is my favorite. She has written several other series, but the all-time best of her books was early in her career, the 1992 *Zombies of the Gene Pool* which is laugh out loud funny and still available for check-out in the library. You can't go wrong with any Sharyn McCrumb novel this summer!

This title is also available as an audiobook.



SeptemberFest & MLS At the Mansion

fourteen years ago Gov. Frank Keating got the idea for an annual Fall event on the grounds of the governor's mansion. He saw it as a gathering of Oklahomans who could tour the mansion and learn about the many museums and other cultural institutions that dot the state. He thought this could become an annual event lasting the ten years running up to the Centennial Year of 2007.

But the event became too popular to die. "This annual event," said co-chair Sherri Vance, "is designed to provide free entertainment and education to families on our state's history, heritage, resources and traditions."

Saturday, September 11, 2010, marks the 14th annual SeptemberFest, and, which has become a SeptemberFest tradition, your Metropolitan Library System will be right in the thick of the action.

"We love attending this event," said MLS Community Information Coordinator Kelley Riha. "Our spot is under a large tree near the mansion's front door. We form a horseshoe shape

out of hay bales, spread a blanket on the ground, and then read family stories aloud to anyone who wants to listen."

And that includes a lot of people. MLS entertained over 20,000 kids in 2009.

"We're going to have some special library guest readers this year," Riha continued. "As always, we've invited Gov. Henry and his family to read, but the degree of the governor's participation depends entirely on his schedule.

"And we hope the library's mascot Spoticus will be there, too. But not to read, of course."

The MLS Reading Corral will be open from 10:00a.m. to about 3:30p.m. A Spanish translator will be on hand from 11:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.

Everything about the event is free except for the food and drink vendors. The fun starts at 10:00a.m. and lasts until 4:00p.m., and since the day will probably be hot, visitors are encouraged to dress cool and bring along some bottled water.

For more information, give Kelley Riha a call at (405) 606-3836.

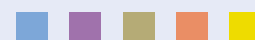




Everybody Counts

Want to know how many library customers were using a particular library at a certain time of day? Now we can find out.





The Wright Library

Special anniversaries come along all the time. Every day is a special anniversary for someone.

But Marie Nichols, Extension Specialist, and Mandie Dowding, Library Page, have something to recognize this month that no other MLS library has ever celebrated.

Marie and Mandie operate MLS' smallest site, Wright Library, at 2101 Exchange, in the heart of Stockyards City. But Wright's lack of size isn't what the staff will be celebrating. Wright Library is also the oldest library in the Metropolitan Library System.

The Wright Library opened to the public on September 15, 1925—so 2010 marks its 85th birthday.

The Wright branch, located at 2101 Exchange, was donated by John H. Wright, president of the Library board. The city appropriated \$5,000.00 for the building and furnishings. The one large room and small work room were designed by C. G. Beveridge and the building's total space is 39 x 28 feet.

To recognize the 75th birthday in 2000, Marie held a party and invited library administrators and commissioners, Stockyards City dignitaries, and state and city politicians. Wright's 85th anniversary will pass a little more quietly, but everyone is certainly invited to stop by the venerable old library for a look inside, and maybe a few minutes spent reading a newspaper or using the public access computer.

On Sept. 15 Wright Library will be open from 10a.m. to 5:30p.m. You're always welcome.

Anyone who's ever had a job working with the public can tell you that some days are busier than others. Sometimes you know why it's a slow traffic day—maybe there's a big football game on television and a lot of folks are staying home to watch it, or the weather's been lousy but now the sun is out and people just want to get out of the house.

Library staff has been able to apply obvious criteria like that to library attendance for years, and periodically we've been asked to supply the Oklahoma Department of Libraries with attendance data for their records. Back in the old days that meant that someone stood by the door with a hand-counter click, click, clicking away whenever someone entered the building.

But MLS has recently installed automatic counters in every library that generate more data than just how many in and how many out. (Hopefully, it's the same number!)

No, now we can collect information system-wide and break the data up into short increments of time. Do we want to know how many library customers were using a particular library at a certain time of day? Now we can find out.

Okay, it looks like the answer to a trivia question, doesn't it? It's more than that. This technologically advanced way to get an accurate "head count" provides us with a new way to determine whether or not library usage goes up and gives us another means for planning the future.

We've always been able to record the number of items that get checked out, but knowing how many people are in the library using material that doesn't check out has been harder. Now we can see at what hours of the day traffic is heaviest, which will allow us create the most efficient staff work schedules. Does library attendance soar immediately after school lets out for the day? Now we'll know.

This counting system is so new to us we haven't yet determined all the ways it will help, but now that keeping track of library traffic is a piece of cake, and we can feed our planning process as often as it gets hungry for data.

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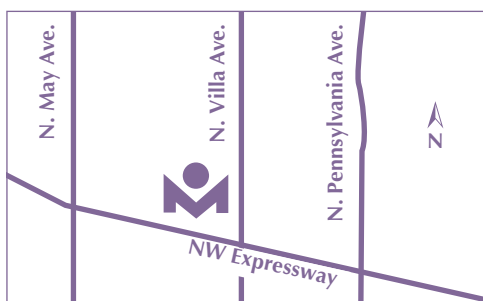
MLS Libraries will be closed Sept 5 and 6 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

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



Monday, September 13 and ends November 22. Space is limited, so sign up at the reference desk

English Classes: Learn English as a Second Language

Sept 14,16,21,23,28,30

Tue and Thur

9:30a-12:30p

Adults



Ongoing enrollment. Improve your English speaking, reading, and writing skills in this free class for people who are new to the English language. Stop by one of the many classes if you have any questions or just want to attend. Sponsored by Oklahoma City Public Schools.

Service Corps of Retired Executives

Sept 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. Co-sponsor: Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE).

Metro OKC Knit Guild Group Meeting

Sept 19 | Sun | 3-5p

Teens-Adults

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

Bethany Library

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

HOURS

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



Music with Tamara

Sept 7,14,21,28 | Tue

10-10:45a

Pre-kindergarten

Join us at Belle Isle for musical fun and activities. Class size is limited, so please call to reserve your child's place. Register at 843-9601.



Children Reading to Dogs

Sept 13,20,27 | Mon

6-7:30

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.



Conversational Spanish

Sept 13,20,27 | Mon

6:30-8:30p

Adults and Teens

Conversational Spanish class for fall 2010. This course is intended to teach basic Spanish speaking skills. The class begins on



Developmental Screenings

Sept 3 | Fri | 9a-Noon

Ages birth to 5 years

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



Fall Story and Craft Time

Sept 9 | Thur | 10-10:45a

Ages 3 to 8 years

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.



Evening Story Time

Sept 14 | Tue | 6:30-7p

Ages 3 to 8 years

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.



Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me

Sept 16,23,30 | Thur

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

Infants to age 4 w/parent

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



Critter Tales

Sept 18 | Sat | 2-2:45p or 3-3:45p

Ages 6-12

See live animals close up. Jennifer Lance will bring interesting animals to the library for you to see, touch and learn about. Choose the 2:00pm or 3:00pm show and pre-register at the information desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3

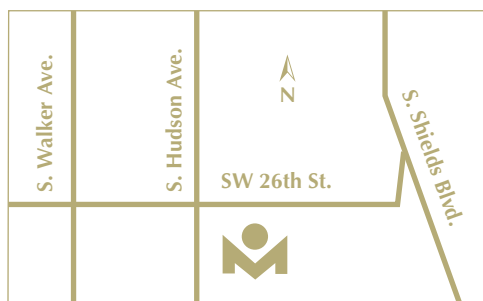
Capitol Hill Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Chess Club

Sept 1 | Wed | 4-5p

Kids/Teens of any age who can play chess

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



Healthy Weigh

Sept 2,9,16,23,30 | Thur | 9:30-10:30a

All ages

Would you like to lose few pounds but don't know how? If so, come join "Healthy Weigh" and learn simple ways to lead a healthier lifestyle. "Healthy Weigh" is a free, fun, interactive 12-week nutrition education and weight loss program. You will learn how to improve your health through a nutritious diet and just 20-30 minutes of exercise a day. Topics include: portion control, breaking bad habits, disease prevention, physical fitness, meal planning on a budget, and much more! Sponsored by the Oklahoma City-County Health Department.

Colored Pencil Drawing

Sept 4 | Sat | 2-4p

Ages 6 and older

Artist Debbie Langston is back to show you how to draw your favorite things with colored pencils. Space is limited so please sign up at the reference desk, or call 634-6308 to register.

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Pokémon Club

Sept 8 | Wed | 4-5p

Ages 6-12

I choose you! Bring your Pokémon cards and battle it out!

Conversational Spanish Class

Sept 8,15,22 | Wed

5:30-7p

Adults

Conversational Spanish Course from September 8th-December 8th. The class is intended to teach basic Spanish speaking skills (Who, What, When, and Where). Will meet on Wednesday evenings for 14 sessions. Begins on September 8th, and ends on December 8th. Register by calling the library, or sign up at reference desk.



Hungry Brains Book Club

Sept 9,23 | Thur | 5-6p

Ages 7-12

The Hungry Brains Book Club will meet to read and discuss current juvenile fiction. Sign up at the info desk for call 634-6308.

Children Reading to Dogs

Sept 11,25 | Sat | 11a-Noon

Kids who can read

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



Winning Interviews, Winning Jobs

Sept 11 | Sat | 3-4:30p

Adults

Want to know how to make the right impression during an interview? Want to know how to make yourself a winning candidate? The more prepared and confident you are for a job interview the better your chances of getting the job you want. Belinda Martin, adjunct instructor, former training manager for a Fortune 500 company, and founder of Interviewing Well, will give you the skills for success.

Forever For Real

Sept 13,20 | Mon | 6-8p

Sept 14,21 | Tue | 6-8p

Couples ages 18 and older

Forever for Real is couples workshop that teaches ways to increase communication between couples, increase their life satisfaction and strengthen their marriage. Forever for Real is divided in 4 workshops of 2 hours each. The workshop will be conducted in Spanish. Couples must complete the entire 8 hour session. For more information contact Monica Hinkley at 587-0362. Part of the Oklahoma Marriage Initiative.

It's in the Bag!

Sept 15 | Wed | 4-5p

Ages 6 -14

Learn how to pick a good book and decorate a recycled book bag for back to school. Space and supplies are limited so please register at the reference desk or by calling 634-6308.

Stray Sock Sewing

Sept 18 | Sat | 2-4p

Ages 6 and older

Make your own creative creature out of that one sock that the dryer didn't eat. Space and supplies are limited, so please register at the library or by calling 634-6308.

Gamefest

Sept 21 | Tue | 5-7p
Teens

Got Mad Gaming Skilz? Come show them off! Featuring Mario Super Smash Brothers and Guitar Hero. All games rated E and T. No registration required.



Developmental Screenings

Sept 22 | Wed | 1-5p
Ages birth to 5 years

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Bead Cool

Sept 22 | Wed | 4-5p
Ages 5 and older

Make cool beaded jewelry. Registration required. Call 634-6308 for more information.



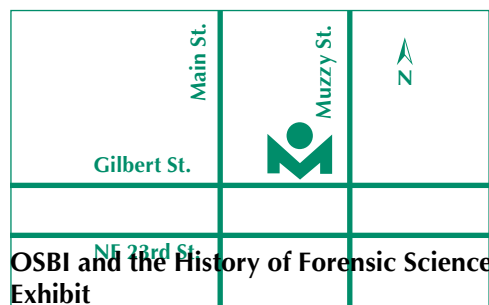
Choctaw Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



OSBI and the History of Forensic Science Exhibit
Sept 1-30 | During Library Hours
All ages

Materials and items associated with Forensic Science will be on display at the Choctaw Library during library hours the Month of September. This display complements the book talk with Emma "Jean" Stover author of "The Sirloin Stockade Slaughter: Murder on the Run". Co-sponsor: Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation and Eastern Oklahoma County Tech Center.

Book Blast

Sept 1 | Wed | 4-5p
Ages 6 and older

Have a Book Blast with us. Stop by or call the Choctaw Library to find out the current title. Read the book and then come and participate in fun games and activities related to the book.

Child Guidance Screenings

Sept 2 | Thur | 12:30-5p
Ages birth to 5 years

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Art For Kids

Sept 3,10,17,24 | Fri
9:30-10:30a
Ages 6 and older

Join us to learn charcoal and pencil drawing techniques. Please bring a drawing that you have completed to the first class. Bring pencils and paper. Call 390-8418 to register.



Lapsit Story Time

Sept 7,14,21,28 | 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

Sept 7,14,21,28 | Tue
10:30-11a

Ages 3-5 years
Come to the library for stories, songs, fingerplays, and fun to help build early literacy skills. Please call 390-8418 or stop by the Reference Desk for more information.



Emma "Jean" Stover: *The Sirloin Stockade Slaughter*

Sept 7 | Tue | 6-7:30p
Ages 18 and older

Ms. Stover is better known as "Dust Bowl Granny" however, she will be highlighting her recently published work *The Sirloin Stockade Slaughter*. Oklahoma history and forensic science students will receive an attendance credit

letter for participating. This event complements the OSBI & the History of Forensic Science Exhibit. Books may be purchased following event. Co-sponsor: Eloquent Books/Strategic Book Group & OSBI & EOC Tech Center.

Family Place: Open Play

Sept 11 | Sat | 10-11a
Ages 6 months - 5 years

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.



Arrgh! Pirate Party

Sept 11 | Sat | 2:30-3:30p
Ages 5 and older

Avast me hearties! Join us for jolly good time: fun, food, and games. Register at 390-8418.

German for Beginners

Sept 13,20,27 | Mon
5:30-6:30p

Ages 16 and older
Join us for "German in 10 Minutes a Day" with Hannalore Chan. Students will learn to speak conversational German and practice correct pronunciation of common German words and phrases. This 12 week course will wrap up with a visit to a local authentic German restaurant. Co-sponsor: EOC Tech Center.



Children Reading to Dogs

Sept 15 | Wed | 4-5p
Children who can read

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



Talk Like a Pirate

Sept 16 | Thur | 6-7p
Teens

Ayyy, matey! Join us for fun, eats and games. Bring your best "talk like a pirate" impersonation. Arrghhhh! Register at 390-8418.



Parachute Play

Sept 17 | Fri | 10:30-11a
Ages 3-6 with parent

While playing games with a parachute,



children will have the opportunity to practice skills such as following directions, socializing with others, using language, using small and large muscles, and remaining in control during very active play. Facilitated by Ms. Carol. Sign up is limited to 10 children with parent or caregiver. Please call 390-8418 or stop by the library to register.

AARP Defensive Driver Safety Course

Sept 18 | Sat | 9a-4p

Ages 16 and older

Attention all licensed drivers! Thomas Edwards, District Coordinator for AARP Driver Safety Program will lead this course to update participant's skills and knowledge for safer driving. A Certificate of Completion of this course will provide an auto insurance discount lasting 3 years. AARP members: \$12; all others \$14 Cash or check payable to AARP day of course. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Co-sponsor: AARP and Eastern Oklahoma County Tech Center.

Community Workshop with Eagle Ridge Institute

Sept 21 | Tue | 6-7:30p

Ages 12 and older

Hiawatha Bolton, a representative with Eagle Ridge Institute, will lead this workshop on community issues and involvement of the direction of young adults. Eagle Ridge Institute's mission is to promote healthy lifestyles for family preservation, youth development, and community progress. Co-sponsor: Eagle Ridge Institute.

Ookami Anime Club

Sept 25 | Sat | 2:30-4p

Teens

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

Genealogy Workshop with Ebenezer Fletcher Chapter: DAR

Sept 28 | Tue | 6-7:30p

Adults

Pamela Woodard Tarling, Regent with Ebenezer Fletcher Chapter-Midwest City Oklahoma National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and Dava Woodard, Librarian with the Chapter will present a genealogy and DAR historical overview workshop for interested persons. Resource materials on the DAR will be available as well as a door prize drawing will be held following the seminar. Light refreshments will be served. Co-sponsor: Ebenezer Fletcher Chapter-MWC National Society of Daughters

of the American Revolution.

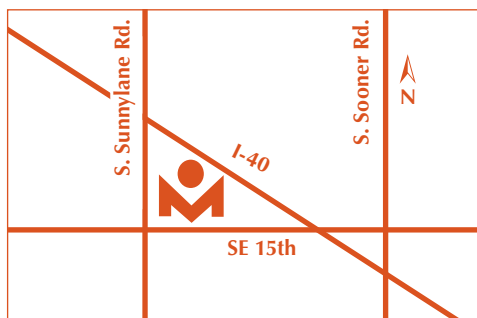
Del City Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



English and Spanish Intercambio

Sept 1,8,15,22,29 | Wed | 7-8p

Sept 2,9,16,23,30 | Thur

7-8p

All ages

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



Del City Book Club

Sept 7 | Tue | 7-8p

Adults

The Del City Book Club meets monthly to discuss a book chosen by its members. Join anytime and suggest a title for upcoming meetings! This month we are reading *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker. Come by and pick up your copy!

Storytime Aerobics

Sept 9 | Thur | 6:30-7p

Ages 1-5 years

Join us as we exercise to promote the development of fine and gross motor skills. Enjoy the music, the stories and the fun!



TAB Meet Up

Sept 14 | Tue | 3:30-4:30p

Teens

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



make the Del City Library YOUR library!
Call 672-1377 for more information.

ADHD Perspectives

Sept 14 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

Adults

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



Winning Interviews, Winning Jobs

Sept 16 | Thur | 6:30-8:30p

Adults

Want to know how to make the right impression during an interview? Want to know how to make yourself a winning candidate? The more prepared and confident you are for a job interview the better your chances of getting the job you want. Belinda Martin, adjunct instructor, former training manager for a Fortune 500 company, and founder of Interviewing Well, will give you the skills for success.

Fall Stories

Sept 17 | Fri | 10-10:20a

Ages 1-5

Storytime celebrates fall with stories and activities! Come for fun.



Developmental Screenings

Sept 20 | Mon | 1-4p

Ages birth to 5 years

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Mice Stories

Sept 21 | Tue | 6:30-7:15p

Ages 4-8

Super stories about fearless and fun-loving mice! Children will enjoy listening to books about mice. There will be other entertaining mice activities!

Home Energy Assessment

Sept 22 | Wed | 6-7p

Adults

OG&E is seeking to help individuals lower

their monthly utility bills by giving away free energy efficiency upgrades to the tune of \$2500! Come to this Q&A presented by The Urban League and learn more about this opportunity.

PlayTime

Sept 23 | Thur | 10-11a
Ages 6 months-3 years

Children enjoy playing at the library! Del City Firemen will be the morning's guests. They will share safety information for parents and caregivers of young children.

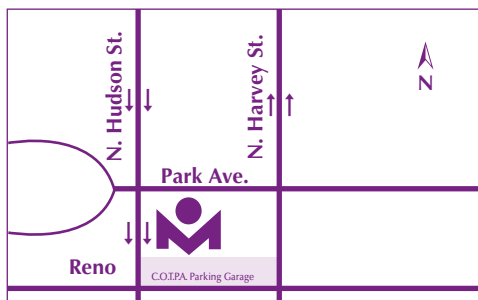


Downtown Library

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

HOURS

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



Wednesday Night at the Movies

Sept 1,8,15,22,29 | Wed | 6-8p
Ages 13 and older

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

Sept 1: *An Education*
Sept 8: *Invictus*
Sept 15: *Julie & Julia*
Sept 22: *The Lovely Bones*
Sept 29: *Nick & Norah's Infinite Playlist*

Noon Tunes

Sept 2,9,16,23,30 | Thur
11:30a-12:30p

All ages

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

Sept 2: *Jane Mays on Piano*
Sept 9: *Easy Street*
Sept 16: *Gordon Lizama*
Sept 23: *Marcy Priest & Bryan Jackson*
Sept 30: *Terry Phelps*



PM Play with Me

Sept 2 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p
Infants to age 4 with adult

Playing with your baby or child is not



only important for bonding but is also an educational experience for your child. This program is intended for infants through age four with parents or guardians. Pre-register by calling 231-8650 ext. 4, or visit the Children's Reference Desk.

Play With Me

Sept 3 | Fri | 10-10:50a
Infants to age 4 w/parent

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



Computer Basics 1

Sept 7 | Tue | 6-7:30
Adults

This class includes: understanding your desktop, how to use your mouse, tool bars and task bars, starting with Word. Please register by calling 606-3879 or ask for Wendy.



Preschool Aerobics

Sept 10 | Fri | 10-10:45a
Ages 12 mos - 5 years
w/adult

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



Gallery Storytime

Sept 11 | Sat | 2-3p
Ages 3-5 w/adult

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



Marcin Parys, Pianist

Sept 12 | Sun | 2-3p
All ages

Hear Marcin Parys perform in concert. This talented young Polish musician has been winning piano competitions since the age of nine when he won the "J.S. Bach" International Piano Competition in "Gorzo'w Wielkopolski" in 1993. He was a featured soloist in the 2009 OK MOZART International Festival in Oklahoma. He is currently doing graduate study with Amy Cheng at OCU.



Computer Basics 2

Sept 14 | Tue | 6-7:30
Adults

This class includes: review of computer basics 1, continuing with Word, saving, printing, creating folders and using email attachments. Please call 606-3879 or ask for Wendy.



Book 'N Play

Sept 17 | Fri | 10-10:45a
Ages 3-5 w/adult

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



Children Reading to Dogs

Sept 18 | Sat | 3-4p
Children who can read

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



Email with Gmail

Sept 21 | Tue | 6-7:30p
Adults

Sign up for Gmail and learn the ins and outs of digital communication, including: address book, sending and receiving emails, email attachments, folders and calendar. Please call 606-3879 to register or ask for Wendy.



Help to Weatherize Homes

Sept 21 | Tue | 6-7p
Adults

A presenter from The Urban League of Greater Oklahoma City, Inc will discuss FREE weatherization services being provided by OG+E. The program has two components -- 1) Low income weatherization and 2) Fixed Income Weatherization for Seniors age 65 and older who have incomes less than \$35,000 annually. Details on qualifying, how to make applications for weatherization and the types of upgrades available will be presented. Co-sponsor: Urban League of Greater Ok City, OG&E.

Child Guidance Development and Language Screenings

Sept 23 | Thur | 9a-Noon
Ages birth to 5 years

September / October 2010

Thursday Noon Tunes

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

September 1: Jane Mays – singer, songwriter piano

September 9: Easy Street – pop trio

September 16: Gordon Lizama – saxophone

September 23: Marcie Priest & Bryan Jackson – indie

September 30: Terry Phelps – singer, songwriter, guitar



All performances are free and open to the public.

Downtown Library

300 Park Ave. | OKC, OK | (405) 606-3833



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Bilingual Family Storytime

Sept 23 | Thur | 6:30-7:30pm

Children and their families

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

Tiempo de cuentos para la familia

La Hora: 6:30pm-7:30 pm

Localización: Downtown

Edades: Familias con Niños 1-12



Venga, cuentos serán leídos en español y inglés con Doctora Luisa. Los padres y sus niños gozarán de interesantes cuentos, algunos serán leídos por "Wally," un titere. Llamar al 231-8650, extensión 4 para registrarse.

Music With Miss Ginger

Sept 24 | Fri | 10-10:50a

Ages 2-3 w/adult

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



Trip Around the World

Sept 25 | Sat | 2-3:30p

Grades 3-6

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 Children's Reference Desk or call the library at 231-8560, ext. 4. Co-sponsor: Junior League of Oklahoma City.

Facebook

Sept 28 | Tue | 6-7:30p

Adults

Sign up for Facebook. Learn all about this social networking tool, including: your profile, posts, finding friends, security settings and more. Please call 606.3879 to register or ask for Wendy.



Edmond Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6

	Main St.	
S. Broadway		N. Boulevard
	E. 1st St.	
	E. 2nd St.	

55+ Coffee Break

Sept 1,8,15,22,29 | Wed | 9-11a

Seniors

This is a Coffee Break just for you. Snacks, good conversation, Scrabble or games you bring

yourself. Find out about new books offered in the library system. Don't miss out on this opportunity to mingle and meet new people.

Intermediate ESL

Sept 1,8,13,15,20,22,27,29
Mon & Wed | 1-4p

Adults

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



Beginning ESL

Sept 1,8,13,15,20,22,27,29
Mon & Wed | 5:30-8:30p

Adults

Beginning English as a Second Language (ESL) teaches students how to improve their conversational and listening skills in English. Enroll with the instructor on the first day you attend class. Class materials are free. Co-sponsor is OCCC.



Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me

Sept 2,9,16,23 | Thur
9:30-10:30a

Infants to age 4 w/parent

Enrollment preference will be given to first-time participants. Playing with your baby or child is not only important for bonding but is also an educational experience for your child. We are providing a special time and place for you to come to the library and spend one-on-one time playing with your child. A different community resource professional will be available each week to answer your parenting questions. This program is intended for infants through age four with their parents or guardians. Pre-register by calling the library or visiting the Children's Reference desk. Call 341-9282, x 4.



GED

Sept 2,7,9,14,16,21,23,28,30
Tue & Thur | 5:30-8:30p
Age 16 and older

Adults wanting to prepare for the GED test are invited to free GED classes presented by instructors from the Oklahoma City Community College. Materials are provided. Classes are open to those age 16 years and older who are not currently enrolled in high school. For students 16-17, a notarized consent waiver form is required. Register with the instructor on the first day you attend class. Co-sponsor: OCCC.



Lapsit: Playtime and Storytime

Sept 7,14,21 | Tue | 9:30-10a
and 10:15-10:45a
11-11:30a

Birth to 2 years

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



Chess Club for Teens

Sept 7,14,21,28 | Tue
6-7:30p

Teens

Free Chess Club for Teens meets Tuesday nights 6:00 to 7:30. All skill levels are welcome. Students can play others who are learning or have prior skills in the game. Local mom and coach provides materials and instructions.



Children Reading to Dogs

Sept 7,21 | Tue

6:30-7:30p

Children who can read

Read to a specially trained dog who loves to hear a good book! Dogs with their owners will be in the Library to be read to by children. All dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams, and most through Therapy Dogs International. Sessions last approximately 15-20 minutes.



Developmental Screening

Sept 8 | Wed | 1-5p
Parent and child

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Edmond Manga and Anime

Sept 9 | Thur | 4-5:30p

Teens

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



and up and can be unsuitable for younger children.

Music With Susan

Sept 10,24 | Fri | 10-10:30a
and 10:40-11:10a

Ages 2-3

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



Music With Susan

Sept 10,24 | Fri
11:15-11:45a

Ages 4-5

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



AARP Defensive Driving Safety Class

Sept 11 | Sat | 9:30a-4p
Seniors

This course helps drivers refine existing driving skills and develop safe driving techniques. Upon completion of this class on safe driving techniques, the student will be eligible to receive a state-mandated discount on their auto insurance premium. Cost is \$12 for AARP members, \$14 for non-members. Register at the Edmond Library, or by calling the library at 341-9282. Co-sponsor: AARP.

Stamp Club

Sept 11,25 | Sat | 10a-Noon
Grades 4 - higher

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

Reader's Choice Book Discussion

Sept 11 | Sat | 10a-11:30a
Adults

The Reader's Choice Book Club is a group of people who like to discuss outstanding contemporary literature. September's choice is *The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game*, about the NFL player Michael Oher. Reserve your copies early.

Preschool Storytime

Sept 13,20,27 | 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.

History Book Club

**Sept 16 | Thur | 6:30-8p
Adults**

Join the newly organized book club for history buffs. *Last Stand* by Nathaniel Philbrick is the selection for the month. A guest speaker from UCO will be present.

Sustainable Edmond

**Sept 21 | Tue | 6:30-8p
Adults**

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

Toilet Training

**Sept 22 | Wed | 3:30-5p
Parents or guardians of young children**



With the development of new language skills, motor skills, attitude and activity level come many challenges. Toileting doesn't have to be one of those challenges. Come discuss ways to make this exciting milestone more fun and rewarding for the whole family. Call 405-419-4164 to register. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

Lapsit: Playtime and Toddler Aerobics

**Sept 28 | Tue | 9:30-10a
and 10:15-10:45a and
11-11:30a
Birth to 2 years**



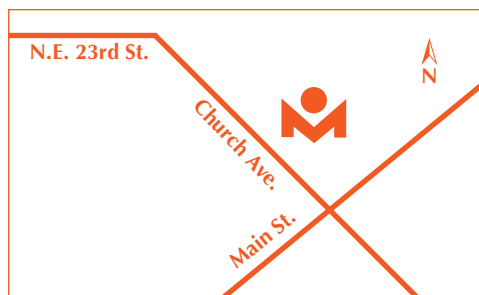
Enjoy a special time with your child at the library. We will have a playtime with the toys in the story time room. This is followed by a short session of aerobics, emphasizing movement to music.

Harrah Library

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

HOURS

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



Children Reading to Dogs

**Sept 11 | Sat | 9a-Noon
Grades K-6th**
Please come by & share a story with Duke. He is a trained therapy dog that comes to listen to children practice their reading skills. Call 454-2001 for information.

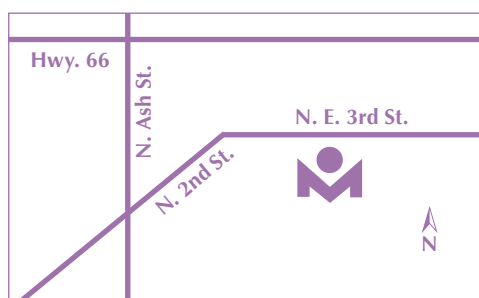


Luther Library

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

HOURS

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



Coffee Break

**Sept 7 | Mon | 9:30a-10:30a
Adults**

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

Farmers Tea

**Sept 9 | Thur | 2-3p
Adults**

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

Quilting and Sewing

Sept 20 | Mon | 10a-4:30p

Adults

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

Midwest City Library

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

HOURS

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

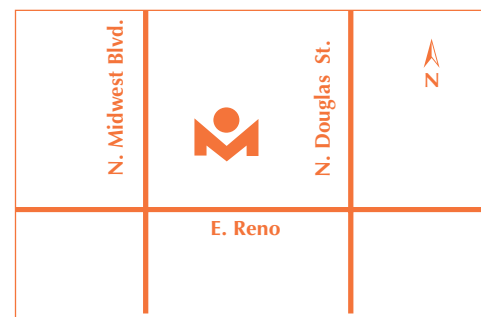


Exhibit: Islamic Art

**Aug 15-Sept 12 | During Library Hours
All ages**

The Midwest City Library is pleased to host an Exhibition of Islamic Art in the Lobby Gallery from August 15 through September 12. The display represents various forms of Islamic Art, including Arabic calligraphy, and utilizes many mediums. Art work is provided by students from Mercy School Institute as well as artists Tehmina Cheema, Uzma Muzaffar, and Farzana Jahangir, all of the Oklahoma City area. The exhibit is free and open to the public during all library hours.

**Exhibit: Woodcarvers of Oklahoma City
Sept 1-30 | During 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.

Free Tutoring

**Sept 1-30, Library Hours
Students (Teens and Kids)**

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

Book Bug Club



Sept 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 *Aesop's Fables*. You can pick up a copy of a book of *Aesop's Fables* at the Information Desk. Registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

ESL

Sept 2,7,9,14,16,21,23,28,30

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

Adults

Participants learn to improve their English language skills through everyday conversation. No registration is required. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Community College Adult Learning Center.



Learn Beginning German at the Library

Sept 2,16 | Thur | 6-8p

Ages 16 and older

Want to learn or strengthen your German language skills? Please attend the German class every first and third Thursday. No registration required.



Oklahoma Herpetological Society

Sept 2 | Thur | 7-9p

All ages

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

Saturday Morning Movies

Sept 4 | Sat | 10-11:30a

All ages

Spend your Saturday morning at the library watching cartoons. All movies are rated G or PG. Ask at the Information Desk to find out what movie will be showing. Space is limited to show up early.



Alive @ 25

Sept 4 | Sat | 1-5p

Teens

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



Wii While You Wait

Sept 7,14,21,28 | Tue | 9a-Noon

Adults

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

Knit Wit Program

Sept 7,21 | Tue | 10a-Noon

All ages

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

YA GameFest

Sept 7 | Tue | 1-3p

Teens

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



Pajama Story Night

Sept 7 | Tue | 6:30-7p

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.



Spanish with Señorita Emmy

Sept 8,15,22,29 | Wed

6-7p

Adults only

Come to the Midwest City Library and learn Spanish with Señorita Emmy. Every Wednesday participants will learn basic vocabulary and grammar. This class is free. To attend, please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.



After School Movies

Sept 9,16,23,30 | Thur | 4-5:30p

Children of all ages

Join us for a different movie every week. All movies are rated G or PG. Ask at the Information Desk to find out this week's movie. Space is limited so show up early.

Yu-gi-oh

Sept 11,25 | Sat | 2-4:30p

Teens

Come and get your Yu-gi-oh game on every second and last Saturday of the month. No experience necessary.



Metaphysics

Sept 11 | Sat | 2-3p

Adults

Since the 1970's the School of Metaphysics has developed intuitive research accessing wisdom from the Akashic Records in Subconscious Mind. Join us for this fascinating lecture and learn how you too can receive information about yourself through an Intuitive Health Analysis and Past Life Profile from the Akashic Records. Come listen to an actual Intuitive Report and learn how this person

used it to improve his life. This class is free and available to the public. To attend, please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Co-sponsor: School of Metaphysics.

Exhibit: Masks

Sept 13-Oct 3 | During 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 from September 13-October 3. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Community Quilting

Sept 13,20,27 | Mon | 9a-2p

All ages

Learn to quilt or work on individual projects. Group members will assist those wanting to learn more about quilting at any skill level.

Preschool Storytime

Sept 13,20 | Mon

10-10:30a

and 11-11:30a

Ages 2-5 with parent

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



Whose Line Is it Anyway?

Sept 13,20,27 | Mon

5:30-7p

Teens

Get your IMPROV ON!! No registration required.



Belly Dancing

Sept 13 | Mon | 6-7:30p

Adults

Learn the art of Belly Dancing at the Midwest City Library. Instructor Katia Visser will instruct participants in dance techniques and skill development while also providing a different form of exercise. This program is free. To attend, please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

Children Reading to Dogs

Sept 14,28 | 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,



Downtown Library Fall Computer Classes 2010

Everything You Need to Know to Learn Computer Basics and more!



All classes are at the Downtown Library,
300 Park Avenue, in the Route 66 Computer Lab.

Classes are held Tuesdays from 6-7:30pm

September 7: Computer Basics 1

September 14: Computer Basics 2

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

September 21: Email with Gmail

September 28: Facebook



appreciative, listening audience to improve reading skills. All dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams. Registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up. Co-sponsor: Creatures & Kids, and TDI.

Child Guidance Developmental Screenings Sept 15 | Wed | 1-5p Parents of young children



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

Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County

Sept 16 | Thur | 3:30-5p
Midwest City Library
8143 E. Reno
Oklahoma City, OK 73110
405.732.4828



The public is welcome to attend.

Dancing for Children Sept 16,23,30 | Thur 6-7:15p Ages 4-12



Dancing is a great way for children to get moving while still having fun. Instructor Katia Visser will teach simple dance techniques for kids at all skill levels. Healthy snacks and water will be provided. Register at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828.

AAA Motor Vehicle Crash Prevention Course

**Sept 18 | Sat | 9a-4p
Adults**

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

Adult Movie Night Sept 20 | Mon | 6:30-8:30p All ages

Three odd-ball scientists get kicked out of their cushy positions at a university in New York City where they studied the occult. They

decide to trap pesky ghosts, spirits, haunts, and poltergeists for money. Free popcorn and drinks will be served.

Midwest City Readers' Society Sept 21 | Tue | 10a-Noon Adults

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

Family Craft Night Sept 21 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p Children of all ages

Come to the library for a fun evening of craft activities. We will have several craft stations set up with activities for all ages and skill levels. Please sign-up in advance so we will have enough supplies for everyone. Register at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828.

Genealogy Class Sept 25 | Sat | 11a-1p All ages

Interested in learning the basics of genealogy research? Join Librarian Phyllis Davidson for an introduction to basic genealogy, the library system's genealogy databases, and some of her favorite websites. This program is free and open to the public. To attend please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

Chess Club Sept 25 | Sat | 11:30a-1p All ages

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

Toddler Aerobics Sept 27 | Mon | 10-10:30a and 11-11:30a Ages 2-5 with parent



Preschoolers may join in the aerobics class that features lessons & exercises designed to develop fine & gross motor skills. Parents/caregivers will participate with their child. Registration is required and begins one week before the scheduled program. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

Nicoma Park Library

2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park
(405) 769-9452

HOURS

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



Children Reading to Dogs Sept 9,16 | Thur 4-4:45p Ages 4 and older



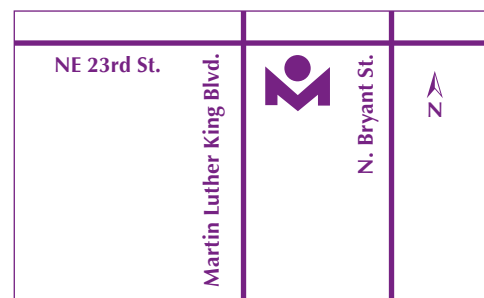
Children improve their skills by reading to D'Leo and his owner, who are trained and certified as a therapy team by Therapy Dogs International. For more information call 769-9452.

Ralph Ellison Library

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

HOURS

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



Toastmasters Sept 1,8,15,22,29 | Wed | 6-7p Adults

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

Why We Chose College and You Could Too! Sept 2 | Thur | 6-8p Teens



Prominent community leaders will talk about their decision to go to college and how

that decision changed their lives. Door prizes will be awarded. Pre-register at the desk or by calling 424-1437.

Reading and Writing for Fun
Sept 4,11,18 | Sat | 10-11:30a
Ages 6-16

This creative writing workshop is designed to encourage youth to develop reading, writing and comprehension skills. The writing tips are presented in a fun and "kid friendly" environment. Parents are welcome to join the fun as children learn "Fun Skills for Life". Call (405) 549-1174 to register for this six week session. Co-sponsor: On the Ball Publishing.

Adult Scrabble Challenge
Sept 4 | Sat | 2-4p
Adults

Scrabble games for adults. Prizes for winners. Call 424-1437 to sign up. Pre-registration is required.

Preschool Storytime
Sept 7,21 | Tue | 10-10:30a
Age 1-5

Stories, music, action rhymes and fun for the preschooler. Join us as we connect children to the fun of books and reading. Call 424-1437 to register.

Sisterhood/S.A.Y.Y.E.A.
Sept 7,14,28 | Tue | 6-8p
Ages 6-12

Encourages holistic life skills, purpose driven behavior, and teaches responsible leadership. Call (405) 549-1174 to register. Co-sponsor: Sisterhood Girls Club.

Get Back to Your Roots
Sept 9 | Thur | 5-7p
Teens and adults

Laura Martin of the OKC Historical Society will present a program on genealogy and discovering information about how to build your family tree. Pre-register at the desk or by calling 424-1437.

College Application Essay Workshop
Sept 10 | Fri | 4-5p
Teens

Professional author Kenneth Bowens will educate on the dos and don'ts of college application essays. Feel free to bring your college application essay drafts for some help! Pre-register at the desk or by calling 424-1437.



Sept 11 | Sat | 11-Noon
Age 3 and older

Bring your child to read to an uncritical and appreciative audience, while improving reading skills. All dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams. Join us for reading fun.



Girls Today, Young Women Tomorrow

Sept 11,18 | Sat | 2-4p
Ages 12-18

Motivational speaker and pastor, Rhonda Jackson, will discuss topics relevant for today's teen girls. All young ladies who attend should be prepared to leave with a more confident sense of self. Everyone deserves to be encouraged!



Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me

Sept 13,20,27 | Tue | 10-11a
Infants to age 4 w/parent

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



Getting Financially Set for College

Sept 14 | Tue | 5-7p
Ages 12-18

A panel of professionals who are knowledgeable about how to financially prepare for college will be available to answer questions regarding finances and college preparation. This is just one of the five part college preparation series at Ralph Ellison.



College Test Preparation
Sept 17 | Fri | 4-5p
Teens

Those interested can learn about the various resources the library has to offer for the ACT and SAT as well as find the closest testing sites. Pre-register at the desk or by calling 424-1437.



Sept 18 | Sat | 11a-1p
Ages 12-18

A snake expert will provide fun and instruction on how to take care of snakes as pets. Live snakes will be present! Pre-register at the desk or by calling 424-1437.



Trip Around the World
Sept 18 | Sat | 2-3:30p
Grades 3-6

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 or call the library. Co-sponsor: Junior League of Oklahoma City.

Child Guidance Developmental Speech/Language Screening

Sept 21 | Tue | 1-5p
Parent and child

Developmental screenings provide a general look at how children are doing in the area of speech and language development. Screenings will include a small fee. To schedule your private appointment call Child Guidance at 425-4412. Co-sponsor: OK City-Co. Health Dept, Child Guidance.



Family Night: Reading to End Racism
Sept 21 | Tue | 6-7:30p

All ages

Hands on art activities focusing on tolerance, diversity and peace. Co-sponsor: YWCA and Respect Diversity Foundation.

Finding the Right College For You

Sept 23 | Thur
5:30-7:30p
Ages 12-18

Local college recruiters will be available to answer questions and provide information to those interested in attending college in Oklahoma.



S.O.U.P. Open Mic Poetry Night
Sept 27 | Mon | 6:30-8p
Adults

S.O.U.P. Society of Urban Poets provides and opportunity for budding poets to share their work with an audience full of supporters. Just show up ready to read.

Southern Oaks Library

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

HOURS

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



LibraryFest: Celebrate Our 9th annual Library Card Sign-Up

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. It's also a perfect time to encourage school children to get a library card and to remind parents and teachers that going back to school includes using the library. 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 other gifts.

Healthy Weigh

Sept 1,8,15,22,29 | Wed | 9:30a-10:30a
All ages

Would you like to lose a few pounds but don't know how? If so, come join "Healthy Weigh" and learn simple ways to lead a healthier lifestyle. "Healthy Weigh" is a free, fun, interactive 12 week nutrition education and weight loss program. You will learn how to improve your health through a nutritious diet and just 20-30 minutes of exercise a day. Topics include: portion control, breaking bad habits, disease prevention, physical fitness, meal planning on a budget, and much more! Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City County Health Department.

GED

Sept 1,8,13,15,20,22,27,29
Mon & Wed | 3-6p
Age 16 & older



Attend free GED classes on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Southern Oaks Library. Review English, social studies, science and math skills in preparation for the GED test. Materials are provided. Attend any Monday

or Wednesday class to enroll. Call 631-4468 for more information. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Adult Learning Center.

Homework Help

Sept 2,9,14,30 | Thur | 4-6p
Grades 1-5

High school and college students will be available to help students with homework, play literacy games or read with young people. Call 631-4468 to pre-register.

SCORE Business Counseling

Sept 3,17 | Fri | 10a-1p
Adults

If you are starting a new business or are a business owner in need of assistance, counseling is available the first and third Friday of the month, by appointment only. 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.

Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me

Sept 4,11,18,25 | Sat
10-11a

Infants to age 4 w/parent

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



Children Reading to Dogs

Sept 7 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p
Children who can read

Come read to a dog! Children can practice and improve their reading skills by reading to specially trained dogs and their owners who act as an uncritical, appreciative audience. They love a good dog story--borrow one of ours or bring your own. Dogs and their owners are trained and certified through Therapy Dogs International or HALO. Sign-up is required. Please call 631-4468 or visit the Information Desk.



Anime Club

Sept 8 | Wed | 6:30-8:30p
Ages 14 & older



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

Preschool Story Time

Sept 13,20,27 | Mon
10:30-11:10a

Children ages 2-6
(with a parent/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.



Southern Oaks Book Club

Sept 14 | Tue | 11:30a-12:30p
Adults

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

Enhancing Language and Literacy Skills in Young Children

Sept 14 | Tue | 6-7p
Parents and caregivers of
children birth to 5 yrs



There are many things parents and caregivers can do to help build children's language and literacy skills from the time they are born. This workshop will present information on the importance of communicating with your child, establishing reading routines, introduce materials that prepare your child for reading and writing and demonstrate how to incorporate literacy skills into everyday activities. Facilitated by Cheryl Custer and Tracy Goebel. Call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to register for the free workshop. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City County Health Department.

Baby Signs

Sept 21 | Tue | 6-7p
Parents of children
9-22 months



Baby Signs teaches communication before babies are able to use words. This fun and interactive signing class teaches how to include signs naturally while interacting with your child through daily routines and play. Learn and practice approximately 50 signs. Facilitated by Cheryl Custer and Tracy Goebel. Call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to pre-register for the free workshop. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma

City County Health Department.

Making Monster Puppets

Sept 26 | Sun | 2-4p

Teens

Artist Savannah Mitchell will demonstrate how to transform socks, stuffed animals, and other items into cool monster puppets. Please pre-register.



Teens

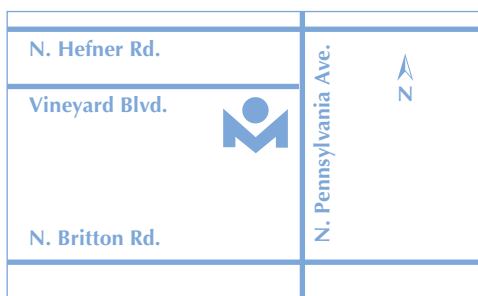
The Village Library

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

Sept 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 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!



Village Chess Club

Sept 3,10,17,24 | Fri | 3:30-7:30p

All ages

Want to play chess? Come to the Village! All ages and skill levels welcome. For more information and registration, email Robert Green at rlgreen@okcps.org or call the Village Library 755-0710.

Healthy Weigh: Nutrition Education and Weight Loss Program

Sept 7,14,21,28 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

All ages

Would you like to lose a few pounds but don't know how? If so, come join "Healthy Weigh" and learn simple ways to lead a healthier lifestyle. "Healthy Weigh" is a free, fun, interactive 12 week nutrition education and weight loss program. You will learn how to improve your health through a nutritious diet and just 20-30 minutes of exercise a day. Topics include: portion control, breaking bad habits, disease prevention, physical fitness,

meal planning on a budget, and much more!

Co-sponsor: OCCCHD.

Music with Susan

Sept 9,16,23,30 | Thur

10-10:30a

Ages 2-5 with parent/guardian

Join Susan for musical fun and activities! Class size is limited, so please call 755-0710 or stop by the Information Desk to register. Registration will begin August 16.



V-SIFT

Sept 9 | Thur | 4-5p

Teens

V-SIFT = Village-Something Interesting For Teens. Meets every 2nd Thursday of the month. There will be a new activity every month: Board Games, Video Games, Anime, Arts & Crafts, and more! Snacks will be provided. Call 755-0710 or stop by the Information Desk to register or for more info.



Teens

Introduction to Microsoft

Excel

Sept 13,20,27 | 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 pm. Scheduled in 30 minute to one hour sessions per individual. Come in or call to reserve your instruction time. Village Library (405) 755-0710.



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Storytime

Sept 14,21 | Tue | 10-10:30a

Ages 2-5 with parent/guardian

Come and join us for stories, games, and crafts. Please register by stopping by the Information Desk or calling 755-0710.



Child Guidance Screening

Sept 16 | Thur | 1-5p

Parents of young child

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



Sept 16 | Thur | 6:30-8p

Adults

Learn how to access the Internet from the Library computers. Take a look at the home pages of Internet servers such as AOL, MSN, Cox and others. Learn to use Search engines such as Google and Yahoo. Learn how to access the library Website from home, school or work to use library services via the Internet. Come in or call to sign-up. Village Library (405) 755-0710.



computers

Book Discussion Group

Sept 20 | Mon | 3-4p

Adults

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

Baby Signs

Sept 23 | Thur | 6-7p

Parents of children

9-22 months

Baby signs teaches communication before babies are able to use words. This fun and interactive signing class teaches how to include signs naturally while interacting with your child through daily routines and play. Learn and practice approximately 50 signs. Facilitated by Cheryl Custer and Tracy Goebel. Please preregister by calling 425-4412. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City County Health Department.



Knitty Committee

Sept 25 | Sat | 10-11a

Adults

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



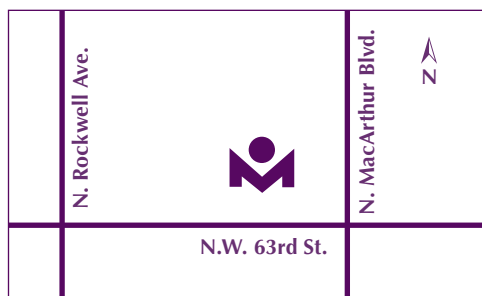
Internet Basics for Adults

Warr Acres Library

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

HOURS

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



English as a Second Language

Sept 1,8,13,15,20,22,27,29

Mon & Wed | 5:30-8p

Adults



English as a Second Language classes are held Monday and Wednesday from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Classes are free. Register on your first visit or call (405) 682-7859 to reserve a place in the class. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Community College.

LEGO Club @ Your Library

Sept 2 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p

Ages 6-11

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

Story Time for Preschoolers

Sept 7 | Tue | 10:30-11:15a

Ages 2 1/2 to 5 years



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

Play Time for Babies and Tots

Sept 8,15,22,29 | Wed

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

Ages 8-30 months



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

Children Reading to Dogs

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

Ages 6 years and older



Lovable dogs and their trained owners will help children develop reading skills. So grab a favorite book and enjoy a time of reading. All dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams by a national canine therapy organization. Please pre-register.

Serenade in September

Sept 11 | Sat | 2-3p

All ages



It's National Piano Month! Come and celebrate with Martha Stallings as she sings a diverse repertoire and takes requests. There'll be a selection of pop, jazz, and Broadway show tunes for your listening pleasure. For the whole family.

Warr Acres Book Club

Sept 13 | Mon | 11a-Noon

Adults

The Warr Acres Library Book Club meets the second Monday of each month. We will discuss *Comfort Food*, by Kate Jacobs.

Game Night

Sept 16 | Thur | 6:30-8p

Ages 12-18



Teens

Shh! Video games in the Library?! Rock Band, Super Smash Brothers and more! Snacks will be served. Please call to register: 721-2616.

Developmental Screenings

Sept 17 | Fri | 9a-Noon

Ages birth to 5 years



A developmental and speech/language screening is a very general look at how children are doing compared to other children the same age. At a screening appointment, your child's developmental progress will be assessed. Any questions or concerns will be discussed. Information about upcoming stages and home activities will be given. Screenings will include a small fee. To schedule your screening appointment, please call Oklahoma City County Health Department, Child Guidance at 405-425-4412.

Sept 21 | Tue

10:30-11:30p

Ages 2 1/2 - 5



Bring your preschooler for a fun musical time of learning with Ms. Susan. Please pre-register by calling.

Winning Interviews, Winning Jobs

Sept 21 | Tue | 6:30-8:30p

Adults

Want to know how to make the right impression during an interview? Want to know how to make yourself a winning candidate? The more prepared and confident you are for a job interview the better your chances of getting the job you want. Belinda Martin, adjunct instructor, former training manager for a Fortune 500 company, and founder of Interviewing Well, will give you the skills for success.

Defensive Driving Safety Class

Sept 25 | Sat | 9a-5p

Adults

This course helps drivers refine existing driving skills and develop safe driving techniques. Upon completion of this class on safe driving techniques, the student will be eligible to receive a state-mandated discount on their auto insurance premium. Cost is \$12. for AARP members, \$14. for non-members. Register at the Warr Acres Library, or by calling the library at 721-2616.

Toileting Triumph

Sept 28 | Tue | 3:30-5p

Adults



With the development of new language skills, motor skills, attitude and activity level come many challenges. Toileting doesn't have to be one of those challenges. Come discuss ways to make this exciting milestone more fun and rewarding for the whole family.

Learning Express Database

Sept 28 | Tue | 7-8p

6:30-8p

Adults



Did you know you can access practice tests online at home? We will explore preparation for the ACT, SAT, GRE, GMAT, Advanced Placement, Civil Service, EMT, ASVAB, GED, LSAT, MCAT, Real Estate, Nursing, TOEFL, U.S. Citizenship, and more! It's free at your library. Call 721-2616 to enroll.

Music Play with Ms. Susan





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 Library Closed	6 Labor Day Library Closed	7	8	9	10	11
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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.

Brennan, Steve, ed. *The Gigantic Book of Pirate Stories*.
910.45/G459g

Here are 800 pages worth of true tales and fiction about the life of Billy Bones and his shipmates. Over 100 yarns, poems, and tall tales are included from the likes of Mark Twain, Robert Louis Stevenson, Joseph Conrad, and many more. With this one you can weigh anchor for adventure.

Hardberger, Max. *Seized: A Sea Captain's Adventures Battling Scoundrels and Pirates While Recovering Stolen Ships in the World's Most Troubled Waters*.

364.164/H258s

Not all modern-day pirates are Somalis with more guns than brains. The ones Capt. Hardberger has dealt with most often use bribes, outdated laws, and computers to steal ships and their cargoes at sea or in port. Which doesn't mean that Hardberger never has to lead his men into "dicey situations." A true-life thriller.



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MLS LIBRARIES

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

MLS EXTENSION LIBRARIES*

	M	T	W	TH	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.