



STAFF NEWSLETTER OF THE METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM

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Hoopla Officially Launches and Additional Credits are Added



Looking for a solution to offer library customers who are tired of waiting on titles? Looking for something to offer the growing number of customers who stream content?

Tell them about [Hoopla](#) - like Netflix, but free.

Hoopla provides free digital media streaming to library customers including movies, TV shows, music, audiobooks and eBooks 24/7 without holds or waits. The free digital streaming service includes over 450,000 titles.

During the soft launch of Hoopla, customers could check-out four titles per month. However, the library is now offering six check-outs per month to meet demand for streaming content.

The Hoopla app is available on Apple TV, Android TV, Fire TV and Roku players.

In addition to streaming movies and TV available on Hoopla, customers can access thousands of eBook titles for both adults and children.

Some January Hoopla releases include the audiobook recording of the National Book Award Winner *The Hate U Give*, music from popular band Fall Out Boy, and recent

movie release *Stronger* starring Jake Gyllenhaal.

Hoopla released immersive eReader technology, maintaining the look of picture book illustrations and accompanying materials with an audio read-along for early readers.

Streaming services such as Hoopla enable the library to appeal to a dominant and growing audience who use streaming services regularly.

Over 60 percent of Americans ages 18 to 29 and over 35 percent of Americans ages 30 to 49 reported Online streaming as the primary way they watch television, according to a [2017 Pew Research Study](#).

Garmin Activity Trackers Available to Staff for Less

Activity trackers offer a way to manage health and wellness more effectively by monitoring key health-related factors.

The [American Heart Association](#) recommends 30 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity at least five days per week. Regular activity is the best way to prevent heart disease and stroke.

The Metropolitan Library System's Wellness Works program has partnered with Garmin to offer [Vivosmart 3](#) activity trackers to interested staff.

Order your Garmin Vivosmart 3 activity tracker [HERE](#) for \$40 (Retail: \$100).

After submitting the order, send a check or money order (made payable to Metropolitan Library System) to the Business Office no later than January 12, 2018.

Devices will be distributed before our walking challenge in February.

For sizing, lay your wrist on the image included next to the article (give yourself a little room). This is not the full length of the wristband, just a way to measure wrist size.

Blue=Large
Purple=Small

7 Reasons to Invest in an Activity Tracker

The [Vivosmart 3](#) has each of the following features.

1 Wellness Works Challenges and Points - This is a way to engage with co-workers and earn points toward a monetary bonus at the end of the fiscal year.

2 Motivation - An activity tracker is a great way to challenge yourself. Trackers can also provide a wake-up-call. You may not move as much as you think.

3 Training Aid - Activity trackers record workout performance and pace. The heart rate feature also allows users to track the intensity of the workout.

4 Sleep Monitoring - Monitor how many hours of sleep you get each night, and periods of movement or restful sleep.

5 All-Day Stress Tracking - Uses heart rate variability to show your reaction to physical and emotional stress.

6 Smart Notifications - Email, text messages, and social alerts can be viewed from the device.

7 Music Player Controls - Skip, pause, or start a song from the beginning from the device.

For more information contact:

Wellness Works
(405) 606-3739

Coming Up

Scholarship Deadline

Jan. 6

SA Thunder Event

Jan. 9

Deadline to Complete Bloodbone

Pathogens Safety Training

Mar. 31

Intranet Feed

Meeting Minutes

Leadership Team Minutes

Dec. 20, 2017

X-Change Minutes

Dec. 19, 2017

Library Managers Minutes

Dec. 14, 2017

Safety Committee Minutes

Dec. 07, 2017

New EduBrite Course:

[A Librarian's Guide to Homelessness](#)

2018-2020 Strategic Plan

In preparation for the MLC Long Range Planning Committee meeting that is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17th, the Workgroup has drafted an updated strategic plan to be presented to the Committee for approval and adoption by the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting in February. (Go to post to view video)

Executive Director Search

The Commission has appointed a group of their members to lead the search process for a new executive director.

Draft of HUM Procedures for Policies Passed by the Commission

Bed Bugs

Staff are to inspect library materials upon return for condition and routinely inspect our furnishings. We strive to maintain an up-to-date collection and facilities that are safe, clean, and well-maintained.

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Tech Training



Courses to sharpen technology skills were added to EduBrite. The courses offer information geared towards learners with no previous computer experience.

The full list of courses and information on accessing the courses is available on the [Intranet post](#).

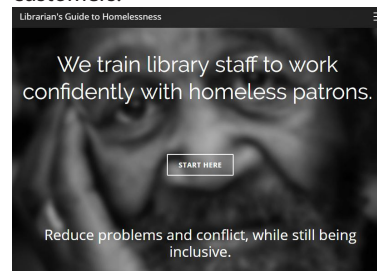
Homelessness In the Library

A training course titled, "A Librarian's Guide to Homelessness" is now available in EduBrite.

In these cold winter months the Library is a popular spot to escape the freezing temperatures, and as a result, library staff may interact with more homeless customers than usual.

A webinar course will be available to staff in March titled, "Working with Individuals Affected by Homelessness".

The training courses are based on the expertise of Ryan Dowd. Dowd's [website](#), is a resource available to staff looking for ways to best meet the needs of homeless library customers.



To Access Courses In EduBrite

- Login to [EduBrite](#)
- Click the "Course Catalog" on the left-hand side
- Locate the course you are interested in
- Click, "Enroll" and the course will launch
- With all training be sure to get **supervisor approval** first
- Courses **must be completed during work time**

The Do's and Don'ts of Planning a Make and Take

Do Guide the Flow of Traffic
Create a clear path that guides customers to each station (if you have stations). For Ralph Ellison's Holly Jolly Party, Children's Librarian Robin Miller set up four craft stations.

"The kids received a *Ralph Ellison Express* train ticket (from a volunteer) when they came in, and then they followed the "track" around the children's area," Miller said.

For smaller spaces, Beach suggests trying a simpler array of crafts.

"Think of activities that can utilize most of the same supplies with different end products - that way you can set everything out on one table but have two or three finished crafts," she said.

Do Coordinate Volunteers
Development and Volunteer Services can help recruit volunteers to assist during your event.

"Make and takes work best when you can have one person leading each part so volunteers really help when you can't have 6 staff members working the event," Beach said.



Don't Plan too Many Crafts

Planning too many things will make both volunteers and customers feel overwhelmed and cause confusion.

Don't Overthink It

Once the event starts, you have no control over how things play out. Do your planning, and go with the flow.

"There will be things that don't go exactly as imagined, but you can always learn and grow from those to tweak the event next year and make it even better," Miller said.



Photos: These photos were taken at the Holiday Make and Take at the Community Libraries and the Holly Jolly Party at Ralph Ellison. More photos [HERE](#).

Do Plan Ahead

If you want to do a make and take at your location, plan ahead so there is plenty of time to try out each craft.

Youth Engagement Supervisor for the Community Libraries, Dana Beach, suggests cleaning out your supply closet.

"Make and takes allow for you to really go through all those supplies that build up throughout the year," she said.



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Searching Savvy: Using the Metropolitan Library System OPAC

The Library's Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) uses much of the same advanced search features of the individual databases, such as Booleans, which were discussed in the [Dec. 15 SL](#).

To recap, Boolean searches allow users to combine words and phrases using the words AND, OR, NOT (known as Boolean operators) to limit, broaden or define searches.

The library's OPAC allows users to conduct advanced searches by clicking, "Advanced" next to the search button.

The advanced search feature in the library OPAC allows users to broaden or define their results with limited knowledge of Boolean search strategies.

Better understanding the advanced search feature from the user's perspective can be helpful in assisting library customers with advanced searches.

Advanced Searching

- To optimize response time, **limit your search fields to five or less.**
- "any of these" will be searched as OR
- "all of these" will be searched as AND
- "does not contain" omits those search terms from your search.

"any of these" = **OR (II)**
"all of these" = **AND (&&)**
"does not contain" = **NOT (!, -)**

The standard Boolean operators still work in the search bar, but the Advanced feature with dropdowns makes it simple for users with limited searching experience.

Links to sources:

- [LS2 PAC Search Shortcuts](#)
- [LS2 PAC Advanced Search](#)

Read More About the Library's Online Resources in Sadie Bruce's Database Highlights!



World Religions

Search
[Home](#) [Browse](#) [Curriculum Tools](#)

Database Highlight #24: We've got the World Religion for That

This unbiased, comprehensive database is packed full of information delivered through articles, videos, and images. With an easily navigated interface designed to encourage browsing and/or keyword searching, it's a great place for members or students to start researching a major world religion.

EBSCOhost Micro Class Series



EBSCOhost

EBSCOhost, the Online reference service used by libraries everywhere, recently released a series of micro-learning classes. The classes are available on their website [HERE](#).

The classes are available at live webinar times or in the form of recorded sessions following the live webinar. To get the micro-learning class you attend added to your EduBrite transcript, email a completed Outside Event Activity Summary to training@metrolibrary.org.

Oklahoma Library Association Ruth Brown Memorial Award

Each year the Oklahoma Library Association's Social Responsibilities Roundtable takes applications for the Ruth Brown Memorial Award. The award is presented to recognize and support social issue oriented programs implemented by or with libraries.

The award commemorates the courageous spirit of Ruth Brown (1891-1975), a former Bartlesville librarian and OLA president who fought for racial integration in public libraries but was fired for her efforts in 1950.

(From the OLA website)

Let's Talk About it Oklahoma Coming Jan. 29

Read more about the event on the [Intranet](#).

The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros Mon, Jan. 29 @ 6:30pm Tracy Floreani (English) Tues, Jan. 30 @ 6:30pm Mark Griffin (Spanish)	The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan Mon, Feb. 26 @ 6:30pm Caroline Larsen A Leak in the Heart by Faye Moskowitz Mon, March 26 @ 6:30pm Richard Rouillard	Blanche on the Lam by Barbara Neely Mon, April 30 @ 6:30pm Harbour Winn Arabian Jazz by Diana Abu-Jaber Mon, May 21 @ 6:30pm Bill Hagen
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