The Village Library Renovations Coming Soon

As early as mid-January renovations will begin on The Village Library. The project will take about six weeks to complete, reopening around early March.

The renovation will include recarpeting and repainting the library interior, removing the reference desk to add additional larger public computer desks, adding a new service desk to replace the circulation desk and relocating the staff work areas to make room for additional public study rooms. In addition, a family restroom, a through-wall book return and an additional self-checkout station will be added.

An additional $60,000 was provided by The Special Friends of The Village Library to help fund renovations to the teen and adult reading areas.

Lynda - The Go-To Development Tool

Do you frequently have customers looking to sharpen their computer and software skills? Or gain valuable skills needed for a competitive edge in the job market? Look no further than Lynda.com.

This month we are highlighting Lynda.com, an invaluable learning resource, offered FREE with a library card.

Our users can access a variety of courses and learning tracks from their local library, online from home or with the convenient Lynda.com app.

Library user Pierre Liebenberg was looking for a way to learn app development, so he could create a learning app for individuals struggling with dyslexia. His wife, CD Librarian Sadie Bruce, told him about Lynda.com. And as they say, the rest is history.

Liebenberg learned app development through Lynda.com and created an app called Lexico in which users can read in a way that works for them. He saw a need for the app when working with his son to teach him to read.

"We started looking around for help, looking at apps, we got him a tutor. But really, in the app landscape, there wasn't anything specific that really worked for us and provided what we needed," Liebenberg said. "I started doing a bit of reading and I realized that if I am able to isolate a paragraph of text and show it to him that way then he could read the words. I realized that if I wanted an app to do this, I would learn how to do it myself."

Pierre Liebenberg

His experience learning app development sparked a newfound interest in programming for Liebenberg. He now works for a software and app development company in Oklahoma City.

"Lynda has been instrumental in reaching some of my professional and personal goals," he said. "I think I have saved a lot of money using Lynda.com."

He started with a basic programming course and then went on to learn Swift, the language used to create app and desktop applications. Next, he learned iOS development and distribution in the app store. About six months later, he had built an app.

"My sons reading scores have doubled since using the app. None of that would have been possible if I did not have the resources available to me," he said.

Tips for Getting the Most out of Lynda.com

Here are some tips for best utilizing Lynda.com:

Set a goal.

Try setting a specific goal related to your learning needs. You can set several goals if

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needed but be sure to prioritize and decide your top priority before getting started. This will prevent you from getting distracted by all the fun and interesting content available on Lynda.com. This goal can be for personal or professional purposes. An example of this may be to learn how to design your own logo for your business. By setting this goal, you can narrow down courses that may be helpful to you.

Utilize your certificates, but don't get hung up on completing every course.

Certificates can be printed or displayed on your public LinkedIn profile to show that you are working on regular professional development. However, Lynda.com is set up in small bit-sized videos so if you just want to watch the videos most applicable to your needs, that's OK too.

Try creating a playlist.

Lynda.com allows you to create a playlist of trainings you are interested in completing. So, you can save courses of interest later. However, you can also utilize this tool to create a custom course – utilizing only what you need from each learning track to reach your goal(s).

Make it a habit.

If you are looking to reach your learning goals in a specific time frame or you just want to stay disciplined, try scheduling time to complete your Lynda.com courses. Add it to your calendar like a meeting so you won't forget and treat it like a regular appointment. This will help you budget your time wisely to reach your learning goals. Lynda.com can also be used on your smartphone or tablet so you can get your learning in while traveling or at the gym.

Treat it like a real class.

Because Lynda.com courses are videos, it can be easy to not give it your full attention. However, this will not help you reach your learning goals. If you are struggling to focus or not getting a concept, watch it again. Try the three-scan rule, which suggests you watch once for content, a second time for detail and a third time to put it all together and try it yourself.

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Martin Luther King Jr. Day A Brief History

Martin Luther King Jr. was a political and spiritual community leader and activist in the Civil Rights Movement. His work is still celebrated today.

King believed in spiritual principles of nonviolence and taught that, "He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it". He quoted Booker T. Washington saying, "Let no man pull you so low as to make you hate him."

His principles of love for one another were further grounded in the idea that there are different kinds of love. He told his congregation that in the Greek language there was *eros* meaning romantic love, *phila* meaning a fondness like what one may feel for family and friends and *agape* meaning an unselfish love one might feel desiring the good for another without expecting anything in return. King encouraged others to practice this principle of *agape*.

His upbringing as a minister's son along with his profound experiences in the South led him to be active in the NAACP and the Civil Rights Movement. King
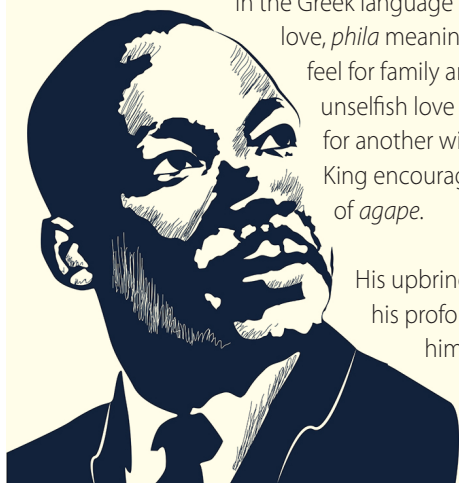
became a popular speaker and was invited to travel Africa and Europe in addition to the United States to speak about the beliefs outlined in his book.

While on tour, he was stabbed in the chest close to his heart. He survived and continued to be active in Civil Rights. He coordinated sit-ins, where he and others would sit at a segregated restaurant and refuse to leave until the owner desegregated their restaurant.

In 1968 King delivered a speech following the Sanitation Worker's Union Strike in Memphis. The next day, while standing on the balcony of his hotel, King was shot and died a few hours later in a hospital. Today, the third Monday in January is observed as Martin Luther King Jr. Day, celebrated each year around his birthday, Jan. 15. King traveled often and spoke to many different communities throughout his career, leaving behind an unforgettable legacy. To read more about King, visit the library's African-American History Online database.

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Grow with Google

in December, we launched our partnership with Google to offer our customers mobile hotspots and Google Chromebooks. So, what does this mean exactly and how can customers get one? We are glad you asked, here is the lo-down:

- The hotspots and Google Chromebooks are only available to customers who attend one of our Grow with Google (GWG) programs.

- Six of our libraries will offer GWG programs. These libraries include Edmond, Del City, Capitol Hill, Southern Oaks, The Village and Ralph Ellison. The Community Libraries will also be presenting outreach programs to underserved members of the community and hold biweekly workshops.

- GWG programs will be designated in the library's online calendar as a GWG program in the description.

- All GWG programs require registration.

Here is a breakdown of what each library is offering:

- The **Edmond Library** is working with the Community Literacy Centers (CLC) who will be co-teaching a class with the Edmond Library Staff. This class will be twice a week and students will check out the Chromebooks and a hotspot if they need it. These classes are to help the students improve their English speaking, use of technology and job seeking skills.

- Our **Community Libraries** will be reaching out to an underserved area of Oklahoma City. Staff will be visiting a public housing complex in Spencer that is affected both by connectivity and transportation. They will be holding biweekly workshops, one for adults that will be focused on job preparation and basic tech skills and a second session for families, focused on homework help and tech skills for parents and children.

- The **Del City Library** feels that they will best meet their community needs by offering one-to-one assistance to their

customers. When a Chromebook/hotspot kit is checked out, staff will work with the customer to assure they understand how to operate the devices and help them develop a plan to achieve their goals, for example: applying for jobs online, taking an online course either using the Google Applied Digital Skills curriculum or through Lynda.com which is offered free through the library.

- The **Capitol Hill Library** will hold two separate classes each week. One will be for adults and the other will be for teens. The adult class will focus on the skills needed to further one's career, obtain new employment, and communicate in the business world. The teen class will center on skills needed to find entry-level employment, succeed in college and impress future employers.

- The **Southern Oaks Library** will promote and support employment for customers by having a class that will teach basic job-seeking skills (resume building, job searching websites, online applications, etc) and will alternate a month of classes teaching more basic computer skills (web browsing, setting up an email account, Google Docs, etc.)

- **The Village Library** plans to rotate three different four-week classes. They are going to have a class teaching coding for teens, a class for adults seeking employment opportunities and job skill improvement, and a class offering intergenerational focused topics designed for family members to attend and enabling students (digital natives) to build mentoring skills with their parents, friends or other family members.

- The **Ralph Ellison Library** project is going to focus primarily on in-library use of the devices. Morning classes will focus on "Ready for Success @ Ralph Ellison" which are for users that are formerly incarcerated and current Departmentt of Correction rules do not allow these participants to have computers or internet access within their housing facilities. Their second focus will be "Happening at the Library After School" which will focus on learning activities for students that come to the library each day after school.

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Troubleshooting School Chromebooks WiFi *By:* Sam Karns

Some of you might have been having trouble getting school Chromebooks to connect to the WiFi, so here is the workaround we have started using. The schools use a third party software to manage the student sessions when they are logged in, and that software blocks certain popups like our authentication page. Because of that, you can only get the Chromebooks to connect to the WiFi BEFORE logging in to their account. Here are some steps to help:

1. Log out of the student's Chromebook if they are logged in. (usually by clicking the red "exit session" box on the bottom right of the screen)

2. Click on the app shelf on the bottom right of the login screen.

3. If they are already connected to the WiFi, Select the "mlspublic" option. If not, skip to step 7.

4. Click "disconnect"

5. Close the app shelf

6. Reopen the app shelf

7. Click on the WiFi icon that says "not connected"

8. Select "mlspublic"

9. Click on the white box that pops up stating that it may require authentication (this prompts the Chromebook to pull up the authentication page behind the login screen before the school's management system can block it)

10. Have the student log back into the Chromebook

11. Accept the terms of service agreement that should already be pulled up.

COMING UP...

JANUARY 1
Library Closed for New Years

JANUARY 17
Commission Meeting at Belle Isle Library

JANUARY 21
Library Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

JANUARY 24
Staff Association Meeting at Capitol Hill Library

FEBRUARY 21
Commission Meeting at Ralph Ellison Library

FEBRUARY 28
Staff Association Meeting at Almonte Library

Hello!

Daisy Munoz
DN Access Specialist II

Paula Joseph-Johnson
CL Library Manager III

Goodbye

Ben Mead-Harvey
DN Library Manager III

Jessica Moad
CIS Virtual Librarian

Adelaida Herrerias
DC Access Specialist I

Kristen Nixon
BE Access Specialist II

Patsy Glover
BI Access Specialist I

Ruby Soutiere
CD Collection Development Librarian

Jeanene Barnett
VI Library Manager II

Lauren "Hope" Blair
BI Access Specialist I

Christin Crawford
BI Access Specialist I

Jeremy Teel
Youth Engagement Specialist II

Congratulations!

Vanessa Spaeth
BI Access Manager I to BI Access Manager II

libby *vs* OverDrive®

Our eBook collection is certainly popular – we hear a lot about the Libby and OverDrive applications. So, what's the difference between the two? Is there a difference?

There are some differences between Libby and OverDrive, but it really just comes down to personal preference of the user. The primary difference users may notice is that they can read eBook titles in the Libby app, without having to download the title to Kindle.

Both apps allow customers to borrow and read the same digital content from our eBook collection, they are simply set up a bit differently. Libby may be more visually pleasing to customers, and Rakuten OverDrive suggests first time users skip downloading the OverDrive app altogether and instead use Libby for all their eBook and eAudiobook needs.

Below is some helpful information for explaining the similarities and differences to customers.

Both Libby and OverDrive offer the following popular features:

Easily navigate between different libraries.
Users can have their Metropolitan Library System card and their Pioneer Library card (or any other library card from a library that offers an OverDrive digital collection) set up on one OverDrive account and toggle between the two.

Sample any book.
Even if a title is already checked out, users can sample it. This may help them decide if they want to put it on hold or just get an early start reading a title before their hold is available.

Suspend holds.
If users are worried all their holds will become available at the same time, they can simply suspend some holds to keep their place in line.

OverDrive Pros:

Kindle compatibility.
This may be a big draw for many overdrive users if they prefer to read in the Kindle app. However, Libby users can also send eBooks to other devices, if they are wanting to read on a Kindle device.

Libby Pros:

Instantly stream titles.
In the OverDrive app users must download titles ahead of time, however in Libby you can instantly stream any title without having to wait.

Define, highlight and search text.
Much like the Kindle app, users are able to define a word in the text, highlight text and search words in the text using the Libby app.

Reveal reading estimates.
Also, much like Kindle, the Libby app will give users an estimate of how long it will take to read a title based on how long they have already spent reading the title. This can give users an idea of whether they may want to put another title on hold.

Show your estimated wait for a title on hold.
You can view your place in line for a particular title and see the estimated wait time for that title. While OverDrive will tell the user their place in line, Libby will tell the user the approximate number of weeks they will have to wait for a title to become available.

Easily rewind and fast-forward.
While you can also do this in OverDrive, Libby offers a clean-looking interface that makes it easier to control your listening location.

Want to learn more about Libby?
Check out Libby Academy.

Bethany Library Update

The Bethany Library is making progress!
The Library is expected to open in April 2019.
Check out some photos HERE.

In Case You Missed It . . .

Libby Catalog Guides

Overdrive's Libby app just got a major facelift (pun intended). The Overdrive catalog rooms, Kids/Teens/Available Now, have landed in Libby as "catalog guides." These handy guides work just like the rooms do; they curate and feature age or topic specific content. Customers can even set a prefered catalog guide as an app-wide filter. This is very handy feature!

Read more…

New Scholarship eBook on the Virtual Reference Shelf

The Gale Virtual Reference Shelf just got a bit heavier thanks to the publication of the 2019 Scholarships, Fellowships and Loans: A Guide to Education-Related Financial Aid Programs for Students or Professionals. Available anywhere/anytime, customers can search, save, download and print up-to-date scholarships/fellowships in a wide range of programs related to their education or workforce goals.

Read more…

MLS Cybersecurity – Identifying Phishing and Social Engineering Scams

The Metropolitan Library System has seen an increase in cyber attacks in the form of Phishing and Social Engineering recently. Required training courses have been added to EduBrite to help educate and identify what to look for.

Read more...

Required Compliance Course – Ethical Issues in Employment December 2018

This compliance course is required by all MLS Staff. It is located in EduBrite and takes approximately 35 minutes to complete. There is an Introduction page with full course details. Completion is due for all staff by January 13, 2019.

2019 First Quarter Safety Training

Th bloodborne pathogens course is now available in EduBrite. This is a system-wide required training due by Mar. 31.

Biblioboard Cancellation

The last day to access Biblioboard will be Feb. 1.

Read more…

Internal Assessment Survey Results

In mid-November, our internal assessment survey went out to all staff and Library Commissioners. This survey was intended to help us evaluate how we work as an organization and how we want to work in the future so we can move forward as a team toward a common purpose.

Read more…

All About the Friends of the Library 2019 Booksale!

Read more…

Merry Grinchmas at The Village Library

Check out the photos HERE.

Wild Things are Coming Summer 2019

Did you know that our 2019 Summer Reading program is themed, "Wild About Reading"?

We are diverting from the nationwide Summer Reading theme in 2019 to do our own. Join us for an adventure through the Wild world of Maurice Sendak.

SUMMER READING 2019
WILD ABOUT READING!
JUNE 1 thru JULY 31

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