

Online StorySLAM Program Makes Waves

OKC StorySLAM is a live monthly storytelling event. Participants are asked to tell personal stories off a chosen theme. All stories must be true, told without notes and must be told in 7 minutes or less. Our library system has partnered with OKC StorySLAM to offer the event virtually through the library's Facebook page. The last StorySLAM event had over 40 live attendees and over 1500 views.

To maintain the "live" feel and to keep bringing in new voices, OKC StorySLAM sets up a form for submissions each month and then vets the storytellers during a dress rehearsal the week before the event. May's theme was *All-Stars* and June's theme was *Stories of Pride*. Upcoming topics include Vacations, Black Voices, School, Fish Out of Water and Stories from Veterans.

"I love the OKC StorySLAM because it's a really powerful outlet for authentic voices," Teen Services Manager Emily Williams said. "With guidance from Special Collections, we've archived the last two events on Facebook to be sure to save these community stories."



Staff can get involved by helping promote the submission form and sharing the events with customers or online or by signing up to tell a story themselves! See what they are like by watching one of the previous StorySLAM events on the Library's Facebook page.

Masked Mascots and Safe Statuary



Have statues and other iconic features around your library masked-up? Send pictures of your masked pals to marketing@metrolibrary.org and we will share them in the next ShelfLife!

Check out some of these beloved library icons rocking their mask couture.



Children's Materials are Now Fine Free!

Parents of little library customers can keep calm and read on with their family! Beginning this month children's materials including books, movies and music will no longer accrue late fees.

Fines on overdue children's materials account for less than .1 percent of our budget and have little impact on overall library operations.

"Fines are barriers to library access," said Julie Ballou, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Library System. "We are committed to reducing barriers and supporting equitable access to literacy in our community."



Behind the Scenes: Creating a Giant "M" Metro Logo Out of Books

Marketing, together with help from Engagement and Program Services, Collection Development and the Friends of the Library, put together a video documenting the creation of a giant "M" Metro Library logo.

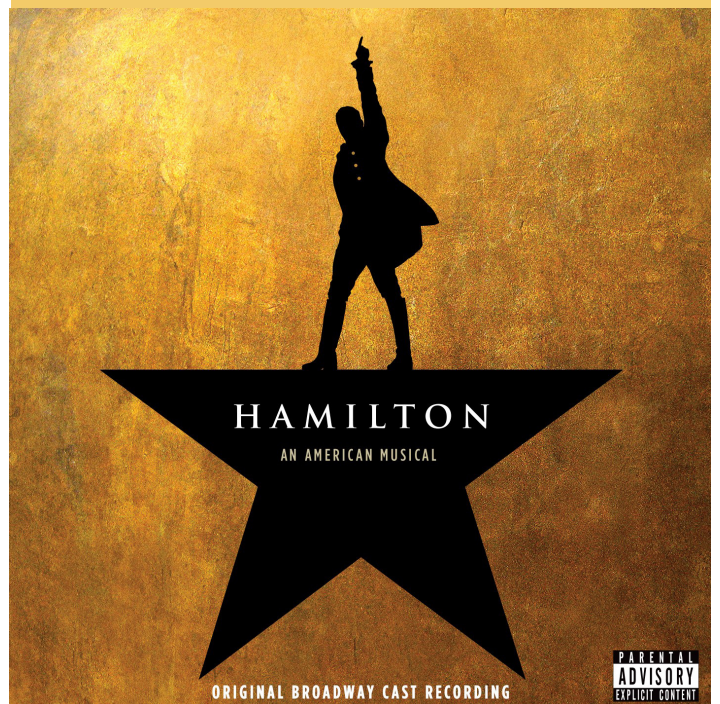
The video will be used to create a social media post announcing phase III of the library's reopening. It took hundreds of books to complete the "M" and the logo was blown up to 14 feet wide and 13 feet tall, taking up a large portion of the Downtown Library's Atrium. All materials used were donated books borrowed from the Friends of the Library.



Check out Hamilton FREE on Hoopla

For customers anticipating the release of the Broadway musical "Hamilton," but do not have access to Disney+ they can sing along on Hoopla. The complete Broadway Cast Recording is now available for Checkout with no waits or holds.

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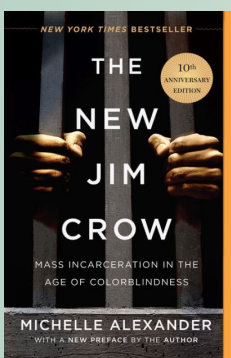


Black Lives Matter Community Read

As Americans delve into raw conversations about race, it can be beneficial to reflect on the stories and experiences of authors who confront antiracism and social justice today. OverDrive has provided libraries with some titles available for simultaneous use - no waits, no holds. Titles include *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander, *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas and *Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor* by Layla F Saad.

"The titles included in our Black Lives Matter: Community Read program are focused on #ownvoices and are intended to help patrons read, listen, learn and grow as they expand their knowledge of race relations." - OverDrive Libs

MORE ABOUT THESE TITLES:



JUNE 15 – JULY 15

The New Jim Crow Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander Audiobook simultaneous use

Named one of the Most Influential Books of the Last 20 Years by the Chronicle of Higher Education and winner of the NAACP Image Award for Nonfiction, Alexander's critically acclaimed book examines racial disparities through the lens of mass incarceration.

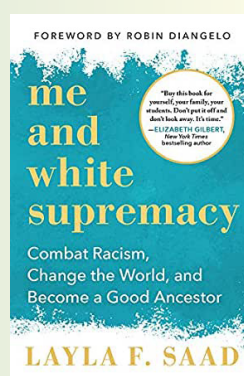


JUNE 22 – JULY 12

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas eBook and audiobook simultaneous use

This bestselling young adult novel follows Starr, a Black

teenager caught between the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these two worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her unarmed best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer.



JUNE 22 – JULY 19

Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor by Layla F Saad eBook simultaneous use

This New York Times bestseller published in January 2020 is based on the viral #meandwhitesupremacy

Instagram challenge and provides a framework for readers to dismantle the privilege within themselves.



JUNE 29 - July 26

So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo Audiobook simultaneous use

Ijeoma Oluo guides readers of all races through subjects ranging from intersectionality and affirmative action to "model minorities" in an attempt to make the seemingly impossible

possible: honest conversations about race and racism, and how they exist in almost every aspect of American life.

HELLO!**Shalla Strider***Engagement Manager, Edmond Library***GOODBYE****Jennifer Livingstone***2 years, Data Analyst***Lisa Chesney***2 years, Outreach Program Specialist***Alison Donnelly***3 years, Outreach Program Specialist***Sherri Gold***2 years, Outreach Program Specialist***Deanna Harris-Beatty***5 years, Outreach Program Specialist***Joyce Jackson***11 years, Outreach Program Specialist***Jatzibe Mendieta Rios***5 years, Outreach Program Specialist***Victoria Snow***5 years, Outreach Program Specialist***Jenna Hunter***1 year, Access Specialist I***Chloe Mahathey***1 year, Access Specialist I***CONGRATULATIONS****Rebecca Newlon***Access Specialist I PT to Access Specialist II HT***IN MEMORIAM****Sally Phillips***Access Specialist at Southern Oaks, 1995-2020*(available at your library or at home through your library's website)

Have you heard about Flashhub, available on our eResource HelpNow? Learners can create their own flashcards and play games while learning! It's a great way to get kids engaged in learning activities while they are out of school.

**COMING UP****July 3-4***Library closed for Independence Day***July 15***Belle Isle Library closing for remodel***July 16***Commission Meeting at The Village Library*