

Shelf LIFE

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We grow smarter communities, one person at a time.

Hoopla Book Club

You've heard of the wonderful Hoopla digital resource and application allowing our library customers to check out digital eBooks, eAudiobooks, movies and music with no holds or waits. But have you heard of the [Hoopla Book Club](#)?

Utilizing Hoopla means the eBook and eAudiobook for the book club are available to library customers instantly, so they can get started right away. Hoopla also provides resources for book clubs including questions and answers with the author, a meeting planner, discussion guide, and recommended reads. It's a great way to put together an exciting book club in less time!

The current book club book is also cheaper for the library system using Hoopla's pay per checkout model.

The Summer Hoopla Book Club read features *The Gone Dead* by Chanelle Benz is a literary thriller about a young woman who returns to her childhood home and uncovers secrets about her father's life and death.

There is a new book each quarter. Past book club spotlights include *The Museum of Modern Love*, *The Orphan's Tale*, *Everything is Horrible and Wonderful*, *Tangerine* and others.

Summer Reading Update

The wild rumpus has begun!

We are in the second month of the WILD About Reading summer program and we have made strides towards our system-wide [summer reading outcomes](#). We are over 85% of the way to our participant goal of 31,200 participants, 48% of our readers have logged at least 1 hour of reading and our community has read over 7.5 million minutes. Each branch is also doing a great job of achieving their branch goals – and we still have a few weeks left!

As we look to the conclusion of our WILD Summer Reading program, let's focus on the reason for our efforts: What does the Summer Reading program mean to you?

Here are some reasons for the Summer Reading season:

1. Beating the Summer Slide

Reading just 20 minutes a day helps prepare our young readers for school in the fall and prevents them from losing important reading achievements.

2. It's a fun activity for the whole family

Summer Reading gives our families a fun learning activity that they can

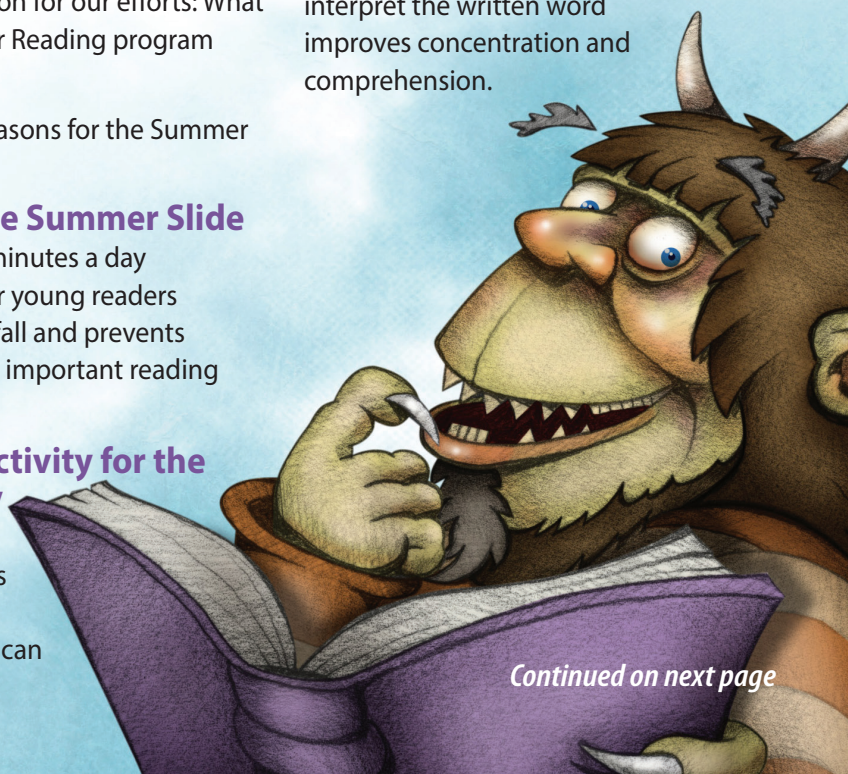
enjoy together all summer long. Going to the library is a healthy habit parents can instill in their children and the Summer Reading program reminds parents why literacy activities are so important.

3. Stress reduction

Reading relaxes the body by lowering the heart rate and easing muscle tension – it can reduce stress by almost 70 percent!

4. Memory improvement

Reading is proven to slow cognitive decline by working those brain muscles. Just like any other muscle the brain needs a workout and forcing it to interpret the written word improves concentration and comprehension.



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5. Better writing skills

Reading and writing go hand in hand. Reading grows vocabulary and improves writing fluidity.

Focus Summer Reading efforts on what reading does for our community and the rest will fall into place.

Training of the Month DIY Development

Time-Tested Methods for Making Complex Decisions 25(m) 15(s)

By asking the right questions, checking your own biases, designing a method of information-gathering to test your hypotheses, and using probabilistic reasoning to choose the best among several good options, you can make difficult decisions much easier. Available in [EduBrite](#).

Using Lynda.com Trainings to Sharpen Your Skillset

Making time for professional development is not easy. Despite the abundance of things to learn and the necessity to grow professionally, it can be difficult to take time out of your day for training as other day to day duties take over. However, [Lynda.com](#) makes learning new skills easy and efficient.

Lynda.com offers a variety of training courses for every level of user and each course includes several short video learning tutorials to help walk you through each concept one snippet at a time. Some courses also include practice files and worksheets to make your experience more hands-on. Lynda courses are available through [EduBrite](#) and completed courses are saved to your EduBrite learning profile.

Human resources administrative specialist, Kasandra Dewbre-Burrows regularly uses Lynda.com in addition to YouTube and other free learning resources to grow both personally and professionally. She recently started the prep for Metro Library's annual Staff Development Day, and her online learning experience helped her tremendously. She created an artful Staff Day souvenir in Photoshop (to be revealed at Staff Day).

"The art she created for this project was professional level," Graphic Design Manager Rick George said. "Some people spend thousands on training courses to learn what Kasandra was able to learn through free online training."

Kasandra said she loves that she can fit her training sessions in with mini sessions since Lynda videos are broken down by topic into small chunks. She said another favorite feature of Lynda.com is their downloadable training files.

"It's so in-depth for a free resource," Dewbre-Burrows said. "I also love that they have such a wide variety and the courses are taught by professionals who share insider tips and tricks."

She suggests that those who are short on time take advantage of the courses being broken up into small chunks. "Just do a little bit at a time," she said. She also suggests you talk to your supervisor about a course you want to take and if you don't have anything pressing, they may give you the okay to spend time on a full course.

Check out some of Kasandra's self-taught skills used on this year's Staff Day folders in October.



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Online Training Library



HELLO !

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NW Library Manager II

Jesslyn Chain

NW Access Specialist I

Amina Hammi

BE Access Specialist I

Paige Harkins

CIS Virtual Engagement Specialist II

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Hank Lankford

DN Access Manager II FT

Beverly Jackson

DN Access Specialist I PT

Michelle Stone

ED Access Specialist I PT

Jennifer Ravnell

RE Children's Librarian FT

CONGRATULATIONS!

Dakota Hindman

Choctaw Access Manager I to NW Access Specialist II FT

Kimberly Morton

Jones Access Specialist II to Choctaw Youth Engagement Specialist II HT

Brittany Mays

Southern Oaks Access Manager I to Ralph Ellison Access Manager II

Barbara Harris

Outreach Specialist I PT to Technical Processing Specialist II FT

GOODBYE

Daisy Muñoz

DN Access Specialist I

Jesslyn Chain

NW Access Specialist I

Jim Phillips

Facilities Maintenance Manager

Shanna Allen

CL Engagement Manager

Joyce Armendez-Olson

DC Access Specialist I

Mary Jane Hall

VI Access Specialist I

Miasha "Mia" Neely

NW Access Specialist I

Huong Nguyen

BI Access Specialist I

Retirements

Janet Bowen

Bethany Access Specialist II

Jeffery Mullins

Business Office Accounts Payable Technician

COMING UP

July 18

Commission Meeting at
Downtown Library

July 25

Staff Association Meeting at
Edmond Library

August 22

Commission Meeting at
Belle Isle Library

August 22

Staff Association Meeting at
Del City Library