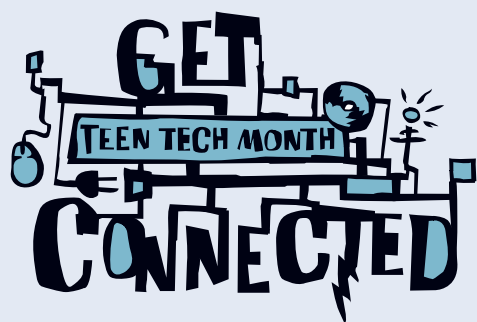


*We grow smarter communities, one person at a time.*



## March is an exciting time – it's Teen Tech Month at all Metro Libraries!

We celebrate Teen Tech Month to inspire Oklahoma teens to explore science, technology, engineering and math, also referred to as STEM, areas of interest.

Our STEM programs help prepare teens for college and careers by ensuring they are skilled and ethical technology users.

Events this month will include robotics, coding, circuitry and art themed learning. Attendees will have the opportunity to use technology learning tools including Snap Circuits, Sphero Robots, BristleBots, Raspberry Pi, Paper Circuits and soldering tools.

We recognize the need for today's teens to begin learning skills in STEM early. The number of students pursuing degrees in STEM fields has declined but STEM jobs are growing twice as fast as jobs in other fields, according to a Young Adult Library Services Association report.

Occupations in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) make up over six percent of all occupations in the United States. Workers in these fields earn higher wages, and degree holders in STEM fields earn 12 percent more than non-STEM degree holders, according to a March 2017 report from the US Department of Commerce.

Oklahoma has seen a 24 percent uptake in STEM employment since 2016, compared to the national STEM employment growth rate of 10 percent, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The Metropolitan Library System celebrates Teen Tech Month to spark an interest in Oklahoma teens. The library creates STEM programs that are fun and engaging as well as educational.

## Spring Break Library Resources

### *Spring break is coming up!*

**W**e want to give our Oklahoma County families plenty of opportunities to experience free educational entertainment during their break. They don't even have to leave home to take advantage of the library's resources.

Whether our customers are going on a long road trip or planning to keep it local with a staycation, we have something for everyone.

### **The Road Trip Survival Guide**

Traveling with young children and even teenagers can be challenging. Keeping them entertained in the car is not easy, but we have a few tools we can share with our customers to keep the whole family entertained without having to spend a penny.

### **Libby & OverDrive**

These apps are a great way for customers to check out eBooks and eAudiobooks on the go. The nice thing about them is users do not have to be connected to WiFi to check out materials. However, users looking to conserve cellular data can always download materials before leaving the house. Play a family-friendly eAudiobook on the car speakers and discuss it on the next meal or break stop.

### **Hoopla**

Most of us know Hoopla as the "go to" for movies. But Hoopla also offers popular new music albums to stream on the go from the Hoopla app. Hoopla also has a large selection of eAudiobooks, so check there if your favorite eAudiobook isn't available through Libby/OverDrive.

### **Kanopy**

Kanopy is another resource for streaming video content from a mobile device and it includes a variety of educational content for all ages. Independent films,

The Great Courses (educational video instruction in a variety of developmental areas), and even some more mainstream films are also available through Kanopy. Kanopy Kids (available by clicking "Kids" in the top right-hand corner) is a great way to introduce children to new educational content in addition to popular movies and cartoons. This resource is a one way to keep the family entertained with quality educational content.

### **Speakaboos**

For young children Speakaboos is a great option for travel. Speakaboos is an educational mobile application that users can access free with their library account. It is an early literacy tool in which children can have stories read to them, read them independently or they can read and play with the interactive elements in each story.

### **Spring Break Staycation at the Library**

Library customers planning to stay local this spring break can make the most of their time off with free library programs and resources

### **March Programming**

Tell your customers about the wonderful programs we have planned for March and encourage them to spend spring break with their families enjoying some of the library's free programs. Teen Tech month is also a great way to encourage customers to come back during spring break. Some Teen Tech programs include family robotics, snap circuits, sphero robots, natural loom weaving, soldering, plastic fusion and more.

### **Access eResources from Home**

For families on the go, be sure to inform your customers about the variety of resources available for free with their library card 24/7 online. Some resources they may enjoy using from their computer or mobile device include all of the above-mentioned resources in addition to eResources such as Little Pim, Culture Grams, Learning Express, Consumer Reports, National Geographic Kids and others.



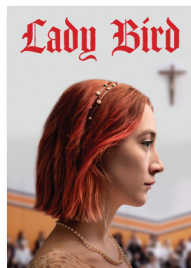
# Kanopy Recommended Films

**K**anopy is one streaming entertainment app available to our customers from their computer and devices. Encourage customers to give it a try – they can access educational content and films for all ages through Kanopy. Here are some suggested titles:

## ADULT TITLES

### Lady Bird

A coming of age story depicting a private schooled teen who must navigate the difficulties of her senior year, including a difficult relationship with her mother.



#### What customers said:

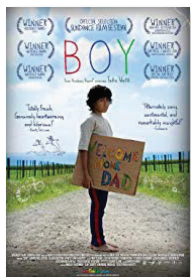
*"I love this movie. Two things that really make it stand out from other movies is of course the vulnerability of the main character, and also how the film makers were able to show a side of private schools that isn't shown a lot."* – Olivia

*"The pacing is very good. The movie manages to pack a great story into an hour and a half."* – Kelly

[Watch on Kanopy...](#)

### Boy

Set in 1984, an eleven-year-old boy is left alone with his siblings when his grandmother goes out of town.



His father comes home after leaving the children years ago and things begin to go awry.

#### What customers said:

*"Very well done all the way around...the story, the acting and the photography, not to mention the director and all the people it takes to make such a creative film."* – Barbara

*"This is a well-written story and the child actors were phenomenal!"* – Lisa

[Watch on Kanopy...](#)

### 20<sup>th</sup> Century Women

An unconventional single mother encourages two young women renting rooms from her to help her raise her teenage son and comedy ensues.



#### What customers said:

*"A movie I want to hug close and never let go. It's so beautiful, heartwarming, tender, funny, and*

*sad. Annette Bening has maybe never been better. Watch it with your mother or a grandparent if possible. You can thank me later. You're welcome."* – JP

*"I've never been much of an Annette Bening fan, but, my god- she deserves an Oscar or more for this film! The depth of emotion flickering over her face was encyclopedic in nature- saying so much! And the rest of the cast was excellent too! Bravo!"* – Karen

[Watch on Kanopy...](#)

## FAMILY TITLES

### Kedi

A documentary about the thousands of cats that roam Istanbul freely and have become an essential part of the community.



#### What customers said:

*"Great for cat lovers, those interested in the human animal Bond and to see work and street life in Istanbul."* – Elaine

*"Just watched this very warm-hearted film on my laptop with my cat, Lisa, on my chest. She purred contentedly throughout most the film so I take that as a sign. Two paws up!"* – Brian

[Watch on Kanopy...](#)

### Ernest & Celestine



The story of mice living in tunnels, terrified of the bears that lurk above the ground. However, artistic mouse Celestine makes unlikely friends with one of the bears. This animated film is available in both English and French.

#### What customers said:

*"Watched this movie with my 8 yo. We both agreed that this is a great movie. It is sweet and teaches what love is."* – Mi

*"Charming, heart-warming, beautiful animation and wonderful voices. Can be enjoyed by children and adults alike."* – Neela

[Watch on Kanopy...](#)

### Her Majesty

The story of a young New Zealand girl who dreams of meeting the Queen. She becomes friends with an elderly woman who has been outcast from society and must decide between taking her chance to meet the Queen or staying with her new friend.



#### What customers said:

*"A very touching and well-done movie where love and truth wins."* – Judy

*"A warm and charming film with a significant message."* – Carolyn

[Watch on Kanopy...](#)

## Rescue Operation

Last January, the Downtown Library security staff noticed a stray dog in the alley behind the library. The dog had a swollen cut on his leg and was very thin. Executive Director Julie Ballou was able to get the dog into her car and take him to the vet where he received shots, tests and a bath. They believe the dog to be about 9-12 months old. Unless the owner steps forward, Ballou has decided to give him a permanent home and name him Reggie.





# Spring Picture Books

Selected by Katherine Hickey and Allie Barton

## Thank You, Bees

by *Toni Luly* Pre-K

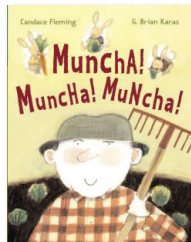
Short sentences and simple mixed-media illustrations make up this book about appreciating the environment. It also teaches connections between the earthly resource and the product it gives us such as bees and honey.

[Check it out...](#)



## Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!

by *Candace Fleming* Pre-K – 1st



A group of rabbits' nibbles at Mr. McGreely's vegetable garden. To keep them out he puts up a fence, then a moat until he has developed a fortress to keep them out. However, the rabbits can get in each time. The author uses onomatopoeia to describe the rabbit's gnawing and clawing to get in.

[Check it out...](#)

## And Then It's Spring

by *Julie Fogliano* Pre-K - 2nd

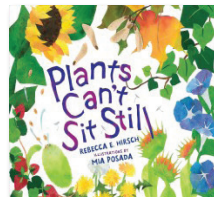
After a difficult winter, a boy and his dog plant seeds to bring color to the brown earth. They wait and wait and examine the dirt to see if anything has grown, but it takes time. Finally, they begin to see the results of their efforts. The author uses beautiful illustrations and simple sentences.

[Check it out...](#)



## Plants Can't Sit Still

by *Hirsch, Rebecca E* Kindergarten – 3rd



This title examines the ways in which plants move – flowers move towards the sunlight, the Venus flytrap snaps, seeds travel downriver, etc. leading up to “plants can't sit still”. The author has each verb as a different color and uses large watercolor spreads and cut-paper collage.

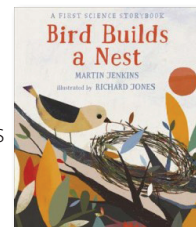
[Check it out...](#)

## Bird Builds a Nest

by *Jenkins, Martin* Pre-K – 1st

The author uses mixed-media illustrations to show the nest-building activities of a bird. The author introduces concepts like gravity, heavy versus light, pushing and pulling and others as she depicts the bird gathering, weaving and smoothing its nest walls.

[Check it out...](#)



## Little White Rabbit

by *Henkes, Kevin* Pre-K



An imaginative rabbit envisions himself tall like the fir tree, green like the grass and other nature-related ways. The author illustrates the rabbit's daydreams – drawing a huge rabbit like the tree in pencil and acrylic illustrations.

[Check it out...](#)

## Spring Hare

by *Eugene Yelchin* Pre-K – 1st

A baby hare and a young girl jump on a trampoline together, imagining themselves soaring into space, flying through the clouds and finally riding a shooting star back down to earth. This wordless story tells the tale of two new friends on a spring day.

[Check it out...](#)





## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

### EduMinutes Communication Series is Back Online

The EduMinutes Communication Series is back online in EduBrite. With the recent migration to LinkedIn Learning (LIL), we have experienced a break in the links. BUT it is now fixed and you can access.

[Read more...](#)

### Sort Site Closed to Customers Feb. 14 to Mar. 19

Our Sort Site volunteers wanted to remind all staff that we typically pause accepting books from customers at the Sort Site around the time of Booksale. Books can still be accepted and collected in small

volumes at our library locations (thank you!). However, if a customer has a larger volume to donate, please note that the Sort Site will be closed during Booksale and in the following weeks for cleaning, training, and recovery.

[Read more...](#)

### Access Workshop Late Spring 2019

ACCESS GRANTED! Additional Access Workshop I, II, and III workshops have been added in EduBrite for your Enrollment. You must enroll in workshop I, before you can enroll in workshop II. You must be enrolled in workshop II before you can enroll in workshop III. All enrollment is done through EduBrite. Supervisor approval is required prior to enrollment.

[Read more...](#)

### Don't Forget to Sign Up for the Crafty Talent Show!

Hey, Metro Library staff! Got a neat hobby? Been Sewing for years? Can you play the guitar, sing, and hula-hoop at the same time? Well, then sign on up for the Staff Association Crafty Talent show.

[Read more...](#)

## COMING UP.....

### March 21

Commission Meeting at Midwest City Library

### March 28

Staff Association Meeting at the Service Center

### April 18

Commission Meeting at The Village Library

### April 25

Staff Association Meeting at Southern Oaks Library

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