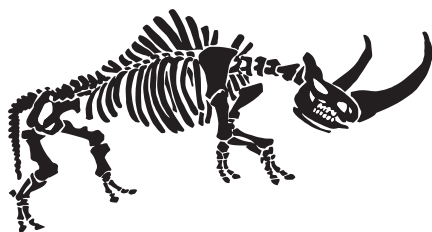


## New Experience Passes Launch in November



Metro Library will soon take the Experience Pass program to the next level, introducing passes to the Oklahoma History Center and

its affiliated museums and Skeletons: The Museum of Osteology beginning in November.

Each library will receive one experience pass for each museum, allowing up to five people admission to the Oklahoma History Center and affiliates and up to two adults and two children into the Museum of Osteology.

Each museum offers a unique experience for library customers. The Oklahoma History Center opens a world of historical experiences at your fingertips. Each pass includes access to 24 affiliate sites across the state, including military sites and historic homes.

"Think of how fun this would be for a family to explore Oklahoma's unique history of Native culture, pioneers, aviation, commerce and more," public relations manager Kim Terry said.

For customers looking for a more bone-chilling experience, Skeletons: The Museum of Osteology features over 800 specimens on display, including over 250 real animal skeletons from all corners of the world.

The Experience Pass program first began in November 2020 as a pilot program, but after a successful start, the program is expanding to include more partnerships. The OKCMOA passes have now circulated a total of over 400 times since Nov. 1, 2020.

"These additions really widen our scope of museum offerings to something for everyone, from art to skeletons and much in between," said Kimberly Boldt, director of Outreach and Engagement Services. "This allows our customers to experience a wide variety of museums to broaden their education and enrich their lives."

Members of the team working on this program included Morgan Day, LaVetta Dent, Anne Fischer, Risa Jensen-Jones, Pauline Rodriguez-Atkins, Kim Terry and Kimberly Boldt.



# 2021 United Way of Central Oklahoma Campaign

by: Kim Terry



Life is a gift. United Way is giving life to our central Oklahoma neighbors by addressing our community's most critical problems. These include providing opportunities for children who need it most. For many

Oklahoma children, after-school programs are more than a place for homework. It's often their only lifeline. In addition to children, United Way helps provide opportunities and resources to many of our customers – the homeless.

Our annual giving campaign to the United Way continues until Oct. 15. Donations to United Way of Central Oklahoma's 2021 fundraising campaign will be invested into 102 health and human service programs at 55 local partner agencies.

Sadly, these answers indicate the stark reality of many Oklahoma children. When you donate to United Way, you support a network of Partner Agencies that provide Oklahoma children with a safe place to go after school, employment assistance and food for their families and a roof over their heads.

Every dollar matters. And every donation makes a critical impact.

Earlier this month you received an email from the United Way of Central Oklahoma with a personalized link to the ePledge website. If you have questions about how to use the site, please contact the United Way at 405-236-8441 or [info@unitedwayokc.org](mailto:info@unitedwayokc.org). If you have questions about our campaign, please reach out to Kim Terry, Kellie Delaney or Anthony Herron.

## Think about this:

### What is your most embarrassing moment?

For many of us, it might be a spilled drink or a forgotten name. But for children at a United Way Partner Agency summer program, the answers were more serious.

- \*"I was placed in foster care last week."
- \*"My mom went to jail for stealing food."
- \*"Can I have a backpack for my clothes because my family is living in our car?"
- \*"I'm embarrassed because I smell. Our water and electricity was shut off and I haven't showered in a lot of days."

## Fast Facts:

**94%**

of at-risk newborns taken care of through a United Way funded program achieved healthy outcomes

**3,807,631**

home delivered meals to older and/or disabled adults

**91%**

of youth attending United Way funded programs earned passing grades

# NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

**Nov. 1-30**

Join us during Native American Heritage Month to honor the history and culture of Indigenous people in our community! Visit [metrolibrary.org/NAHM](http://metrolibrary.org/NAHM) for information on take-home kits, resources and online content for kids, teens and adults.

**Nov. 1**

**Contemporary Cultural Connectivity Through Indigenous Beadwork**  
Library Online  
All Day

**Nov. 3**

**Pre-K Storytime: Native American Stories**  
Almonte Library

**Nov. 16, 6:30pm**

**Indigenous Food and Food Sovereignty with Chef Nico Albert**  
Library Online

**Nov. 18, 7pm**

**Native American Cooking Tutorial: Grape Dumplings**  
Capitol Hill Library

## Take-Home Kits

**Nov. 1-13**

**Elementary Take-Home Kit: Aviation Month-Bessie Coleman**  
Belle Isle Library

**Nov. 1-7**

**Corn Husk Doll**  
Bethany Library

**Nov. 1-7**

**Whose Land? Native American Heritage Month**  
Capitol Hill Library

**Nov. 1-13**

**Whose Land? Native American Heritage Month**  
Bethany and Warr Acres libraries

**Nov. 1-14**

**Whose Land? Native American Heritage Month**  
Midwest City Library

**Nov. 3-6**

**Native American Contemporary Art**  
Northwest Library

**Nov. 8-14**

**Birch Tag Art: Native American Heritage Month**  
Capitol Hill Library

**Nov. 8-14**

**Whose Land? Native American Heritage Month**  
Warr Acres, Ralph Ellison, Northwest, Belle Isle, Southern Oaks and Downtown libraries

**Nov. 10**

**Sketch Savvy: Native American Symbolism**  
Almonte Library

**Nov. 15-21**

**Adult Kit: Traditional Dream Catchers**  
Almonte library

**Nov. 15-21**

**Birch Tag Art: Native American Heritage Month**  
Warr Acres, Ralph Ellison, Belle Isle, Southern Oaks, Bethany and Almonte libraries

**Nov. 15-21**

**Bison Art: Native American Heritage Month**  
Belle Isle, Warr Acres, Ralph Ellison, The Village, Midwest City, Southern Oaks, Capitol Hill, Bethany, Downtown, Edmond and Almonte libraries

**Nov. 15-21**

**Birch Tag Art: Native American Heritage Month**  
Downtown and Edmond libraries



## Sept. - Oct.

### HELLO!

**Taryn "Dani" Curran**

DN Library Aide PT

**Jenna Hunter**

WA Library Aide PT (rehire)

**Sonya Martin**

HR/CL Access Specialist HT

**Cora McKinney**

WA Library Aide PT

**Aleshia Prestriedge**

MC Library Aide PT

**Nathaniel White**

SO Library Aide PT

**Ranell Gilbreath**

CL Access Specialist FT (rehire)

**Sierra Ard**

CH Access Specialist HT

**Dulce Martinez**

AL Library Aide PT

**Shania Spain**

MC Library Aide PT

**Rachel White**

AL Library Aide PT

### GOODBYE

**Samantha Bush**

4 mos, BE Library Aide

**Sarah Littleton**

27 yrs, MC Library Aide

**Tracy Mabry**

2 yrs, BE Access Specialist

**Floyd Richardson**

6 yrs, WA Engagement Specialist I

**Hank Lankford**

2 yrs, DN Access Manager II

**Margo Engelmann**

8 yrs, DN Administrative Specialist

### CONGRATULATIONS Promotions & Transfers

**Matthew Cotter**

DN IT Technician II FT to Technical Support Manager

**Nicholas Thompson**

ED Access Specialist HT to RE Engagement Specialist II HT

### RETIREMENTS

**Stanley Taucer**

14 yrs, DN Administrative Specialist

### IN MEMORIAM

**Alma Brown**

39 yrs, WA Librarian



## DIY Development Strategies to Improve Self-Awareness

53(m) Self-awareness is the secret sauce you can use in achieving success in your career and relationships. It ties into your ability to be confident, exhibit emotional intelligence and demonstrate understanding, and it's a skill you can practice and develop. In this course, executive coach Joel Pérez explains what self-awareness is, what obstacles may challenge you in building self-awareness and how to overcome those obstacles. He concludes with a detailed discussion of several ways that self-awareness can benefit your life, including personal improvement, communication, stress management and more.

>>Begin Course in [Edubrite](#)

## COMING UP

**Oct. 21**

Metro Library Commission Meeting

**Oct. 31**

Halloween



## National Friends of Libraries Week

Oct. 17-23 is National Friends of Libraries Week! It's an honor to celebrate our Friends and recognize them for their help and support of our libraries. Looking to become a part of the tradition and establish friendships to last a lifetime? Join the Friends of the Metropolitan Library System! In January, the Friends will be seeking volunteers to help with their annual booksale in February. Stay tuned to Shelf Life to learn more! Check out our "Thank You" video [here](#).



## Info Magazine Is Back!

Have you seen the revived Info Magazine floating around your libraries? We're excited to offer the magazine again as a creative and informative publication for customers and staff alike to (we hope) compulsively read each month. Check out the latest issue in print or online [here](#).



## Self-Care Bingo Wrap-Up

Congratulations to blackout bingo winners Regina Fields and Pallas Johnson, and bingo winners Tricia Ross and Jessica Burch. Way to go keeping up with your self-care!

