

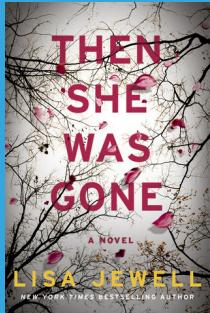
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**Audiobooks
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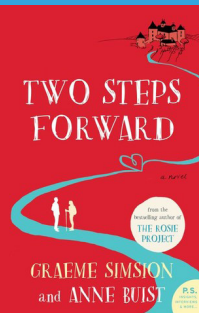
Then She Was Gone
Lisa Jewell

THEN
She was fifteen, her mother's golden girl. She had her whole life ahead of her. And then, in the blink of an eye, Ellie was gone. NOW
It's been ten years since Ellie disappeared, but Laurel has never given up hope of finding her daughter.
[Read more on Goodreads...](#)

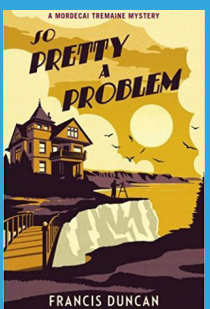
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Two Steps Forward
Graeme Simsion and Anne Buist

From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Rosie Project* comes a story of taking chances and learning to love again as two people, one mourning her husband and the other recovering from divorce, cross paths on the centuries-old Camino pilgrimage from France to Spain.
[Read more on Goodreads...](#)



**eBooks
May 1**



So Pretty a Problem
Francis Duncan

Love is deadly. Adrian Carthallow, a dramatic and talented artist, is no stranger to controversy. But this time it's not his paintings that have provoked a blaze of publicity -- it's the fact that his career has been suddenly terminated by a bullet to the head. Not only that, but his wife has confessed to firing the fatal shot.
[Read more on Goodreads...](#)

Mermaid Storytime: Traditional Programing with Folklore Flair

A storytime held at Belle Isle Library Saturday, April 14, invited the little merpeople of Oklahoma County to don their fish tails.

The storytime offered customers a twist on the library's traditional storytime and brought in over 100 attendees.

Mermaid-related activities during the event included mermaid slime, ocean sensory bins and a paper plate hermit crab and "dinglehopper" craft table. (A dinglehopper is the name the character Scuttle from the *Little Mermaid* gave the fork Ariel found in the story. It is also used to describe an artifact from a sunken ship.)



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Staff Association Update



Did you know? The Metropolitan Library System has a staff association for all staff and have had a staff association of some kind since the late '70s.

As of 2016, dues are no longer required to join Staff Association. Which means everyone is a member of the Staff Association.

Anyone can participate in Staff Association committee business or events. The Staff Association has provided opportunities for staff to have Valentines delivered to their favorite colleagues, go to Frontier City, Dodgers and Thunder games and movie events. If you attended any of these events, you have participated with the Staff Association. And there are plenty more opportunities to come!

"We love being able to facilitate events for staff to enjoy with co-workers," Staff Association Chair, Jessica Morris said. "We look forward to welcoming new Staff Association members, so we can keep the momentum going."

Representatives are needed for the committee at the following locations: Almonte, Bethany, Belle Isle, the Community Libraries, Del City, Northwest and Warr Acres.

Current Staff Association Committee:

- **Jessica Morris**, DN
Staff Association Chair
- **Lawana Morgan**, RE
Staff Association Chair-Elect
- **Tim Rice**, CH
Secretary
- **Kevin Colwell**, TP
- **Sally Phillips**, SO
- **Kristin Nixon**, ED
- **Jammie Flaherty**, VI
- **Anton Littlejohn**, MC
- **Kadey Bernhardt**, MC
- **Kelley Riha**, Out

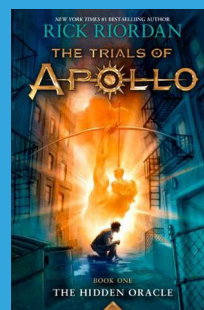
Be on the ground floor of making an impact on your library and the Metropolitan Library System. If you or someone you know would like to represent your branch at a meeting once a month, please speak to your manager. Meetings are the fourth Thursday of the month from 2-4 p.m. at one of our libraries.

Do you have photos from recent Staff Association events?

Send them to Jessica Morris (jmorris@metrolibrary.org).

Coming Soon to Hoopla continued...

**eBooks
May 1**



The Trials of Apollo Rick Riordan

How do you punish an immortal? By making him human. After angering his father Zeus, the god Apollo is cast down from Olympus. Weak and disorientated, he lands in New York City as a regular teenage boy. Now, without his godly powers, the four-thousand-year-old deity must learn to survive in the modern world until he can somehow find a way to regain Zeus's favour.

[Read more on Goodreads...](#)

Until there was Us Samantha Chase

Megan Montgomery has always been the careful type. So when Megan accepts a job at her cousin's company, she does everything she can to avoid Alex—knowing he'll shake up her carefully crafted world.

[Read more on Goodreads...](#)



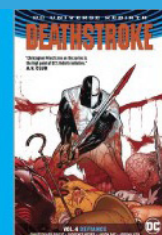
**Comics
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From DC Comics



Red Hood and the Outlaws

Deathstroke



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- Jessica Morris, Staff Association Chair

2018
literary
voices

Lee Child Shares How He Became a Writer and Why He Loves the Library

The 2018 Literary Voices dinner took place Thursday, April 5, at the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club. The event included bestselling author, Lee Child as the honorary speaker. The next day, Child spoke at a free event at the Downtown Library.



Child shared about the importance of libraries and the impact of the library on his own life growing up in Birmingham, England.

"I cannot imagine my life if it had not been for the library," he said.

Following World War II, libraries were set up in small metal buildings with limited collections, he said. He read every book in his library's collection before his mother took their family to a neighboring city's library.

"If you visited my house, you were signed up for a library card," Child said.

He grew up reading, he said. Reading gave him an escape from the real world, which he described as rather glum at that time.

His primary and secondary schools were over 200 years old. He said that he did not see much need to attend college, but on a whim decided to go anyway.

"I called up the University of Sheffield and asked if they had any openings," Child said. "They asked me what I wanted to study. 'Well, I'm not sure,' I said. What do you have? They said there was an opening in their law school, and I thought, *why not?*"

Following his graduation from law school, Child decided he wanted to work in the entertainment industry. He loved theater growing up. He knew his talent was not on the stage, but behind the scenes, he said. He got a job at Granada Television in Manchester and worked there for eighteen years as the presentation director before he was fired in 1995.

Child went to the store and bought six dollars' worth of paper and pencils.

"I had read some books," Child said. "I thought, *I'll write a book. How hard can it be?*"

He gave himself seven months to finish writing his first book. That was as long as he could afford his mortgage payments.

Child's first book, *Killing Floor*, was a success and the Jack Reacher series has grown into an international best-selling franchise including two major motion pictures. The franchise may soon be turned into a television show, Child said.



Interesting Fact: Lee Child attended the same high school that JRR Tolkien attended.

LEE B. BRAWNER
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER

The 2018 Lee B. Brawner Award recipient was Oklahoma Department of Libraries Director, Susan McVey.

McVey delivered a heartrending acceptance speech thanking her role models in the library, including Lee B. Brawner.

Susan McVey has served as the Oklahoma Department of Libraries Director for over 17 years and has served as an active member of the Oklahoma Library Association for over 40 years. Her contribution to Oklahoma libraries has distinguished her as a library leader and a champion of public service.

The Lee B. Brawner Lifetime Achievement Award is presented by the Library Endowment Trust to individuals who have demonstrated, inspired, and devoted leadership hours in support of the advancement of libraries. The recipient has demonstrated awareness of the importance of educating the community via free public libraries and is a supporter of the library's literacy efforts.

"I cannot imagine my life if it had not been for the library."
- Lee Child, Author & 2018 Literary Voices Speaker

Coming Up...

APRIL

Date	Event
ALL MONTH	National Poetry Month
ALL MONTH	Jazz Appreciation Month
ALL MONTH	Autism Awareness Month
Apr. 15-22	National Volunteer Week
Apr. 19	Commission Meeting at the Village Library
Apr. 23	National Readathon Day
Apr. 28	Super Kids Day at Myriad Gardens
Apr. 29 @ 7 PM	SA Event: Avengers Infinity War at Harkins Theatre
Apr. 30-May 6	Children's Book Week

May

Date	Event
May 1	National Library Legislative Day
May 1-7	Choose Privacy Week
May 1	FREE Comic Book Day
May 17	Commission Meeting at Southern Oaks Library
May 27-28	Memorial Day Weekend (LIBRARY CLOSED)

Are we missing something?
Email Victoria
victoria.garten@metrolibrary.org

How to Celebrate National Volunteer Week April 15-20

April 15-20, 2018 is National Volunteer Week! Be sure to thank your library volunteers and remember the value of service this week as we celebrate its impact on our local and international community.

Each year in addition to those who volunteer in our libraries, remember our Friends of the Library, the Library Endowment Trust and many others who volunteer their time to the Metropolitan Library System.

Ways to celebrate National Volunteer Week:

- Share the importance of volunteering on social media with the hashtag #NationalVolunteerWeek.
- Thank a volunteer - volunteers play an important part in helping the library reach its mission.
- Ask a friend to volunteer at the library or become a volunteer for something you are passionate about.



Life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?"
-Martin Luther King Jr.

OverDrive Digital Bookmobile

The OverDrive Digital Bookmobile visited the Capitol Hill Library Friday, April 13, on its national tour! The Capitol Hill community had an opportunity to tour the bookmobile to learn about digital resources and how to download them to devices as well as enter into a drawing for a tablet.

The event also included local food trucks (Sparxx Sliders and Frigid Fox snowcones), The Juggle Whatever team, live music, refreshments, games and Metro giveaways. There were over 150 customers at the event.



In Case You Missed It...

Training Times April 2018

Milissa Copeland ♦ Apr. 5

Welcome to the April edition of Training Times! We have great opportunities for development planned for you. We hope you are as excited about taking advantage of these training opportunities as we are to plan them!

[Read more...](#)

Volunteer Hours Log - The Link has Changed

Heidi Port ♦ Apr. 5

There has been a change in the link for logging volunteer hours. The shortcuts that were previously used have been replaced by this link: <https://volunteer.metrolibrary.org>. The link will work from any computer.

[Read more...](#)

Database Highlight #38: We've Got the Legal Form for That

Sadie Bruce ♦ Apr. 9

"Tax Deadline" may not be poetry to your ears but it does happen in April. This week's database highlight, Legal Forms Library, provides our customers with state-specific copies/examples of legal forms, including various tax forms. Most major forms can be downloaded in Word. The database has forms on Divorce, Wills, Real Estate, Bankruptcy, and much more!

[Read more...](#)

Summer Reading 2018 Behind the Scenes

Victoria Garten ♦ Apr. 9

Our Summer Reading prep team has put their sweat and tears into creating a successful SRP '18. Kudos to staff from around the system and our amazing maintenance department for all of their help working with EPS on what is sure to be the best summer ever here at Metro! Over the past couple of months, staff volunteers spent a total of three days working at the Service Center to box 21,000 prize books for children and teens!

[Read more...](#)

Teen Cabinet Minutes - April 05, 2018

Emily Williams ♦ Apr. 10

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April Calendar

Marketing ♦ Apr. 10

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Hello! We are excited to welcome you ...

Name	Position
Lisa Garcia	Receiving Technician
Samarie Azzun	Access Specialist I, ED
Katie Gillespie	Access Specialist I, NW
Joshua Johnson	Virtual Engagement Specialist II, VL

Promotions & Transfers

Name	Old Position	New Position
Julie Ballou	Regional Director	Deputy Director of Public Services
Adam Ferrari	Youth Engagement Specialist II, DN	Adult Engagement Specialist II, CH
Joshua Lewis	Youth Engagement Specialist II, NP	Access Manager II, JN

Goodbye :(We are sorry to see you go ...

None

Classification Plan and Compensation Schedule

Elizabeth Kessler ♦ Apr. 12

The revised 2018 classification plan and compensation schedule is now posted. You may view these by clicking the links below. This information is also available in our policies and procedures under the Stewardship of Human Resources.

[Read more...](#)

Library Managers Minutes - April 05, 2018

Angel Suhrstedt ♦ Apr. 13

[Read more...](#)

Access Services Minutes - March 27, 2018

Risa Sargent ♦ Apr. 13

[Read more...](#)

Summer Reading Training is LIVE

Jessica Gonzalez ♦ Apr. 13

To familiarize yourself with the 2018 Summer Reading Program, Engagement and Program Services (EPS) asks that all staff complete a required self-guided Summer Reading Program training by performing various tasks in Beanstack and watching a Summer Reading Program video. These actions are designed to provide you with an overview of the program along with the procedures our customers (and you as staff members)

will need to complete to sign up, track reading, claim prizes and more!

[Read more...](#)

Leadership Team Minutes - April 04, 2018

Melody Kellogg ♦ Apr. 13

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Database Highlight #39: We've got the Educational Video for That

Sadie Bruce ♦ Apr. 16

Poetry, taxes, and...autism! This month is Autism Awareness Month a.k.a. Minecraft Awareness Month. Despite growing numbers of children being identified on the spectrum, not much is known about this neurological disorder. Keeping up with the latest research can be daunting but this week's database highlight, Access Video on Demand, offers hundreds of videos on educational topics, including autism, from producers like ABC, TED, PBS, HBO, and more. You can limit results by video type, language, and copyright date. Videos range from a minute to two hours.

[Read more...](#)