



A Culturally Inclusive Puppet Show Craft Program Brings Families to Southern Oaks

Southern Oaks Library volunteers created and performed a puppet show craft program using both English and Spanish in the performance, creating a more culturally inclusive program.

Library volunteer, Salma Morales wanted to create something to get the Hispanic Organization Promoting Education (HOPE) involved at the library.

She worked with Southern Oaks Teen Librarian, John Hilbert to host a bilingual

puppet show to teach concepts and words in Spanish as well as promote Hispanic culture and the HOPE organization.

Volunteers performed two puppet shows based on the books *Dear Zoo* by Rod Campbell and *Two Little Blackbirds* by Megan Borgert-Spaniol. The books were selected to help teach animal species names and the concept of opposites. They used both Spanish and English languages in to reinforce understanding.

Following the performance, children crafted their own animal puppets from paper lunch bags. Each bag was printed with an animal to color as well as the animal species in both Spanish and English.

The program was designed for children ages three to 6 years old, but a broad range of ages attended the event with their parents. A total of fifteen customers attended the event.

"Everybody liked it," Hilbert said. "I've done puppet shows

with kids in many different ways. This would be a good one to do again."

While the Spanish words in the puppet show were easy for bilingual families, the fresh take on a library puppet show promoted cultural literacy among non-Spanish speaking children. It was fun and educational for both Spanish-speaking and non-Spanish speaking children alike, Hilbert said.

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We are always looking for fresh and interesting content to share in the newsletter, on social media and with local publications. Marketing the library is telling the story of what makes Metro Libraries great – which is our staff and our library customers.

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We are constantly striving to grow our library community, and you have a huge part in that by championing the library in your everyday interactions, both online and in person.

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Coming Up

May

Date	Event
All month	Mental Health Awareness
Mar. 30 - May 6	Children's Book Week
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)

June

Date	Event
Jun 1	Summer Reading Program Begins
Jun 1	GLBT Book Month Begins
Jun 4	Neighborhood Arts Begins
Jun 21-26	ALA Conference
Jun 30	2nd Quarter Safety Training Due

In Case You Missed It ...

Children's cabinet Minutes - Mar. 20, 2018

Kristin Williamson ♦ Apr. 18

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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.

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Database Highlight #40: We'll go International for That

Sadie Bruce ♦ Apr. 23

This week's database highlight, Global Road Warrior, asks "Where do you want to go?"

The question can be answered by accessing travel guides for over 200 countries. Select from an alphabetical list, using the map, or search with a keyword and return a complete travel guide right on your screen or in your mobile browser! This database is great for school country reports as well.

Topics covered include: culture, climate, recipes, money, security, travel essentials, and more.

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Apply for the Berniece W. Young Scholarship by Jul. 31

Elizabeth Kessler ♦ Apr. 23

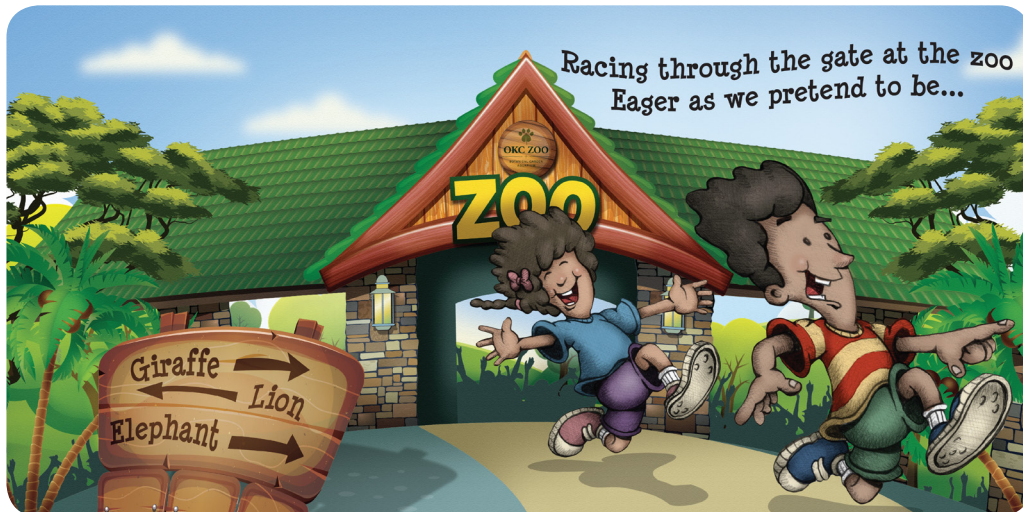
Applications for the Choctaw Library Guild, Inc. Berniece W. Young Scholarship for the Fall 2018 semester are being accepted through Jul. 31, 2018.

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"And I read novels day and night. I had a mission ... To absorb everything in the world. But also to escape." - Meg Wolitzer, *The Female Persuasion*

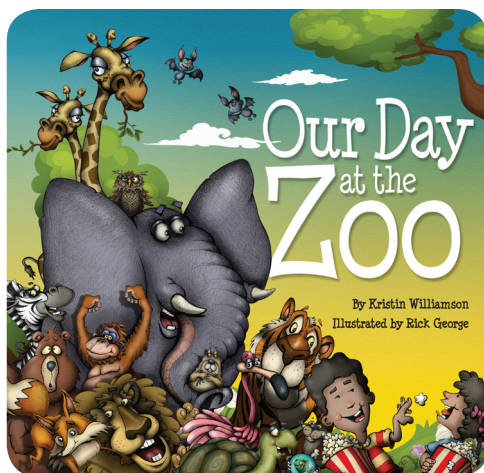
The *Read for Adventure* Program is Back



The library has collaborated with the Oklahoma City Zoo again this year to offer Zoo vouchers to library customers who check out the children's book title, *Our Day at the Zoo* from their local library.

Vouchers are limited to current supplies this year. Remember, only one voucher per book check out.

Last year all Metro Library locations participated in the program and over 3 thousand zoo vouchers were distributed. This year, All 247 Oklahoma libraries will participate in this is what I'd do!



Our Day at the Zoo was written by Metro Library Children's Services Manager, Kristen Williamson and illustrated by Visual Communication's Manager, Rick George.

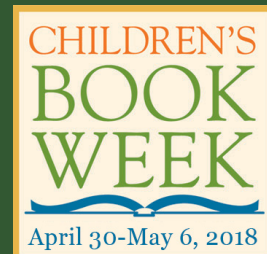
The book was written to introduce children to the outdoors and teach them about zoo wildlife.

Story concepts stemmed from students with Positive Tomorrows school while on a field trip to the OKC Zoo. The children toured the Zoo and talked about the animals they saw and what they were doing. A theme evolved from their ideas and conversations: If I were a zoo animal,

The *Read for Adventure* program will continue through March 31, 2019.

Watch the promotional video [HERE](#).

Children's Book Week



Children's Book Week was established in 1919 to promote the idea that "children's books and literacy are life-changers".

The idea was proposed by Franklin K. Matthews, the librarian of the Boy Scouts of America.

Together with Publishers Weekly Editor, Frederic G. Melcher and the Superintendent of Children's Works at the New York Public Library, Carroll Moore, he sponsored a *Good Book Week* with the Boy Scouts of America. The celebration soon became what we know as, Children's Book Week.

This year Children's Book Week Celebrates its 99th anniversary, making it the longest-running national literacy initiative in the country.

A Children's Book Week downloadable comic is available [HERE](#).

"Humbling women seems to me a chief pastime of poets. As if there can be no story unless we crawl and weep." - Madeline Miller, *Circe*

In Case You Missed It Continued...

National Small Business Week - short webinars

Sadie Bruce ♦ Apr. 24

From April 29 to May 5, dubbed National Small Business Week, the Small Business Administration recognizes the top small business owners and entrepreneurs. It's no secret that Oklahoma City's small businesses are growing. Entrepreneur magazine listed Oklahoma City as the top city to launch a startup in 2017. As the public library, we are in unique position to offer investigating entrepreneurs and established small business owners access to business publications, plans, stock information, industry reports, market segmentations, and more.

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Teen Cabinet Minutes - Apr. 18, 2018

Emily Williams ♦ Apr. 24

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EPS Steering Committee Minutes - Apr. 23, 2018

Jessica Gonzalez ♦ Apr. 24

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Visitor Check-In Procedures at the Downtown Library

Anthony Herron ♦ Apr. 25

The purpose of this memorandum is to introduce enhancements to security at the Ronald J. Norick Downtown Library. Starting on Tuesday, May 1st, 2018 all visitors requiring access to non-public areas within the Downtown Library will be required to check-in and wear an identification badge (please see the Visitor Check-in Guidelines for more important details). Also, fob access will

be reactivated for the glass doors on the 3rd floor beginning Tuesday, May 1st, 2018. The double fire doors across from the Information Technology Department will be closed; however, these doors will be available for exit and reentry with fob access. These directives have no impact on Library customers.

[Read more...](#)

Database Highlight #41: We've got the Comic for That Sadie Bruce ♦ Apr. 30

This week's highlight is one of the few collections anyone in Oklahoma County can access without a library card. Biblioboard's Dark Horse collection features classic Dark Horse comics like Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Hellboy, and Usagi Yojimbo. The collection can be access through the web or by downloading the Biblioboard app for iOS, Android, and KindleFire. As long as a user has access to wifi (at least until a title is downloaded), location services turned on, and is in the Oklahoma County boundaries, they can read without a library card. That makes this a great outreach collection! Those who want even more ebooks can easily apply for a library card online.

[Read more...](#)

Odilo is LIVE

Sadie Bruce ♦ Apr. 30

Odilo, Metro's newest Spanish language ebook/eaudio platform, is live and ready for customer use. If you haven't given Odilo a try, check out the catalog or download the app for iOS/Android/Kindle Fire. All you need is your library card number and last name!

[Read more...](#)

Make Room for Kanopy Kids!

Sadie Bruce ♦ May. 1

Metro's streaming video service, Kanopy, has launched an entirely new collection just for kids!

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Hello!

We are excited to welcome you ...

Name	Position
Rebecca Bornstein	Youth Engagement Specialist II, ED
Tuan Pham	Access Specialist I, NW
Laura Pool	Youth Engagement Specialist II, CL-NP

Congratulations!

Promotions & Transfers

Name	Old Position	New Position
Rebecca Fesler	Adult Engagement Specialist II	Adult Librarian I

Goodbye

We are sorry to see you go ...

Name	Position
Naomi Jackson	Access Specialist I, RE
Andrew Robertiello	Access Specialist I, NW
Sarah Fox	Children's Librarian I, BE
Katherine Burke	Access Specialist I, NW
Christa Sowder	Adult Engagement Specialist II, SO

"They have come dressed as robots or space goddesses or aliens because a writer has changed their lives." - Andrew Sean Greer, *Less*

2018 Neighborhood Arts

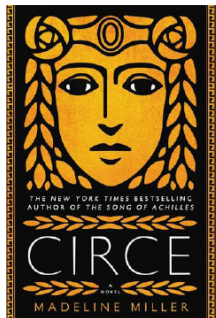


June 4-9 Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WEEK ONE JUNE 4-9: MISTER PUPPET SHOW (A) & LUCAS ROSS (B)						
				Edmond 9:30 AM		
		Bethany 10:00 AM	Downtown 10:00 AM			
	Southern Oaks 10:30 AM	Ralph Ellison 10:30 AM	Del City 10:30 AM	Jones & Edmond 10:30 AM	Harrah & Nicoma Park 10:30 AM	
			Downtown 11:00 AM			
	Capitol Hill & Midwest City 2:00 PM	Almonte & Northwest 2:00 PM	Warr Acres & Choctaw 2:00 PM	The Village 2:00 PM		
		Northwest 6:30 PM				Belle Isle 2:00 PM
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

"When I look back, I am so impressed again with the life-giving power of literature. If I were a young person today, trying to gain a sense of myself in the world, I would do that again by reading, just as I did when I was young." - Maya Angelou

Popular Titles & Read Alikes


Circe
By Madeline Miller

In the house of Helios, god of the sun and mightiest of the Titans, a daughter is born. But Circe is a strange child--not powerful, like

her father, nor viciously alluring like her mother. Turning to the world of mortals for companionship, she discovers that she does possess power--the power of witchcraft, which can transform rivals into monsters and menace the gods themselves.

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

Read Alikes
The Penelopiad
By Margaret Atwood

Why? Complex protagonists anchor these lyrical, character-driven novels, which retell the Odyssey from women's perspectives. Circe's sorceress heroine wrestles with her dual nature, mortal and divine; The Penelopiad's narration shifts between Penelope and her handmaidens as it interrogates its source material.

[Catalog Location](#)

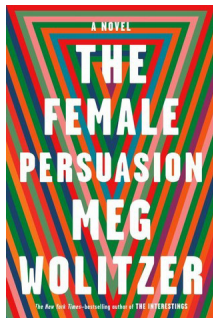
eBook Available on Hoopla & Overdrive

Lavinia
By Ursula K Le Guin

Why? These novels take minor female characters from classic literature (Circe from the Odyssey; Lavinia from The Aeneid) and give them a brilliant, thought-provoking voice. Fans of historical fiction from a feminist perspective will enjoy these protagonists.

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The Female Persuasion
By Meg Wolitzer

Greer Kadetsky is a shy college freshman when she meets the woman she hopes will change her life. Faith Frank,

dazzlingly persuasive and elegant at sixty-three, has been a central pillar of the women's movement for decades, a figure who inspires others to influence the world. Upon hearing Faith speak for the first time, Greer feels her inner world light up. Faith invites Greer to make something out of that sense of purpose, leading Greer down the most exciting path of her life as it winds toward and away from her meant-to-be love story.

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

Read Alikes
Caramelo
By Sandra Cisneros

Why? Reflective in tone and driven by complex characters, Caramelo and The Female Persuasion are coming of age stories about two young women's relationships with towering female figures in their lives and the power and perils of carrying on a legacy.

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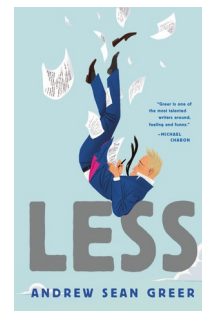
Audiobook Available on Hoopla

Looking For Salvation at the Dairy Queen
By Susan Gregg Gilmore

Why? These engaging novels follow two likeable and ambitious young women coming of age during times of great cultural upheaval. The Southern-fried Dairy Queen is told through a series of letters, while Ivy Leaguers populate the intricately plotted Female Persuasion.

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Audiobook Available on Hoopla & Overdrive


Less
By Andrew Sean Greer

Who says you can't run away from your problems? You are a failed novelist about to turn fifty. A wedding invitation

arrives in the mail: your boyfriend of the past nine years is engaged to someone else. You can't say yes--it would be too awkward--and you can't say no--it would look like defeat. On your desk are a series of invitations to half-baked literary events around the world.

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

Read Alikes
This is your life, Harriet Chance!
By Jonathan Evison

Why? Amusing and bittersweet, these character-driven novels follow their protagonists -- a septuagenarian widow in This Is Your Life, Harriet Chance!, a middle-aged gay novelist in Less -- on literal journeys of self-discovery as they reevaluate relationships and life choices.

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