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Greetings everyone,

May is one of those months that just feels like an “ending” month. It’s the end of the school year and we begin to say goodbye to spring in Oklahoma as the temperatures start to rise. We’re packing away our coats and gloves and digging around for beach towels. But that “ending” feeling changed for me many years ago when I started my career with Metro, I learned that May is one of our busiest times as we prepare for our biggest program of the year – Summer Reading!

So much work happens behind the scenes for Summer Reading – Our location-based staff are preparing for a June and July full of fun and enriching programs, and a big jump in items checked out and returned. Our Outreach and Engagement team is planning events throughout the community. They’re also working with our Neighborhood Arts performers to make sure they’ll have everything they need to share their talents with our guests.

Our Training department makes sure that every staff member is prepared to help guests with the program and our Volunteer Coordinator is preparing our teen volunteers to aid our guests as effectively as possible. Communications is working on advertising and print pieces to promote the program, and we’re ordering thousands of books and tote bags for our Summer Reading prizes. Every department in the system helps us prepare for this massive undertaking and while it might look like business as usual at your favorite branch, let me assure you that behind the scenes we are all working hard to get ready for a successful summer.

Please check out the neat article we have this month from our special collections department about the language of flowers on page 4. We’re also happy to highlight some special programs to commemorate May as Asian Pacific American month on page 8. The rest of our events are in the calendar at the back of the magazine. And if it looks like May is a busy month, we can’t wait for you to see what we have in store for June and July!

Thank you for your continued support!

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4 April Showers Bring May Flowers

Did you know there's a "language" of flowers?" Check out our Special Collections article this month to see how others got their messages across.



6 In Review

Ready to warm up your brain for Summer Reading? Here are some suggestions to get you started.



8 Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Events

This May, celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with these events we have planned for you.

April Showers Bring May Flowers

By Meg Nance Coker, Special Collections Librarian

Odds are good that you've heard the phrase "April showers bring May flowers." The first mention I found of it was in an 1824 newspaper from Derby, England, but by that point it was already something they say. According to folks who have delved a little deeper, the original quote was "Sweet April showers Do spring May flowers," written by Thomas Tusser as part of his poem and guide to Tudor rural life *A Hundred Good Points of Husbandry* in 1557.

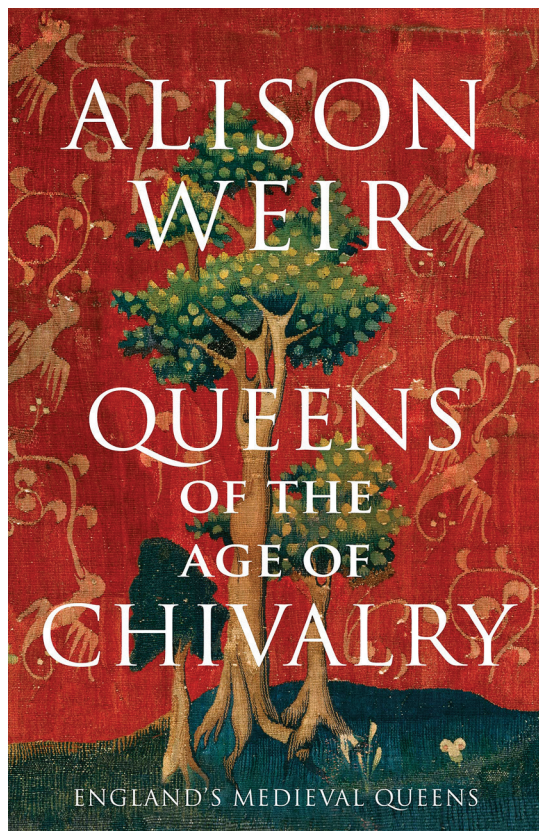
Once you start looking for them, flowers are everywhere. We keep flowers in our gardens and yards, rooted in earth and pots or trimmed into bouquets for vases and gifts. We add pictures and references to them in our clothes and jewelry, our blankets and candles, our everyday lives and our special occasions. A lot of folks have a favorite flower or at least one that is connected to a specific moment, memory, or person – I discovered a few years ago that the smell I always thought of as my Granny's scent was also the crisp, sharp smell of fragrant white lilies.

Did you know you can literally "say it with flowers"? Throughout time there have been different meanings and messages attached to certain flowers. Floriography or "the language of flowers" was a very popular code in Victorian times used to woo or insult someone just by swapping flowers. Some parts we still remember and use, like red roses for romance. The message involved not only the kind of flower and its color, but also if it was tilting; was a bud, bloom, or wilting away; and many other details. Anyone who has accidentally sent the wrong emoji can sympathize with the many ways that a communication system like this could go wrong. You absolutely can send your own secret message using floriography – like Volkameria or Blue Vervain – but unless you want to put in the effort involved in getting both plant and message to your recipient, it might be better to do things the new-fashioned way. Check in about someone's likes, dislikes, and allergies, and then gift them something that shows you were listening.





in review



Queens of the Age of Chivalry
by Alison Weir

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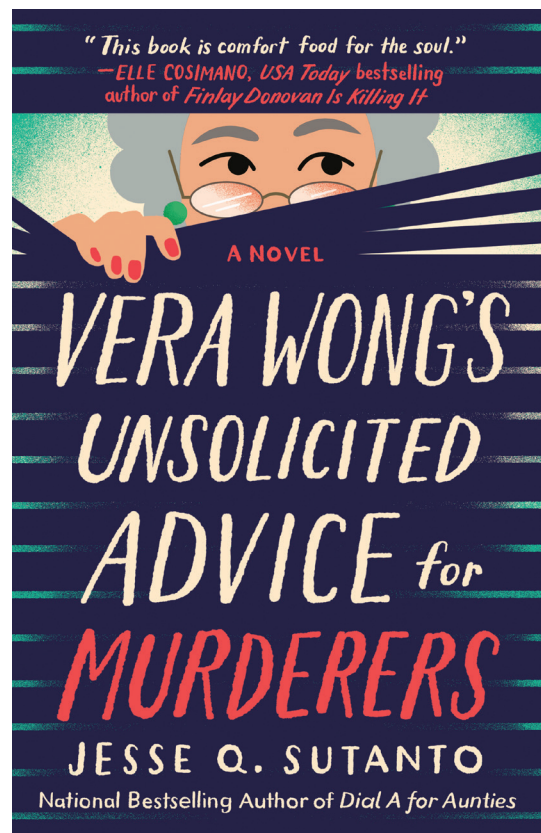
Available formats: Book, eBook

Compiling the biographies of five different queens into twelve hundred pages is no easy feat. Alison Weir not only manages to do that, but also adds drama, intrigue, and glamor to each story. In chronological order, the author examines the lives of Marguerite of France, Isabella of France, Philippa of Hainault, Anne of Bohemia, and Isabella of Valois. Although these women have different personalities, they share the same goal: to maintain peace and survive. Gaining the reputations of peacemaker, fashionista, jealous spouse, or tragic pawn, Weir's ladies paved the way for England to enter a new age. While I was already familiar with some of these medieval queens, it was intriguing to learn how they managed to act as figures of mercy or driving forces for political conspiracy. Alison Weir has uncovered new crowning jewels of history. For the readers who enjoy learning about past lives, I heartily recommend this author!

reviewed by: Stephanie Easterling



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Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers
Jesse Q. Sutanto

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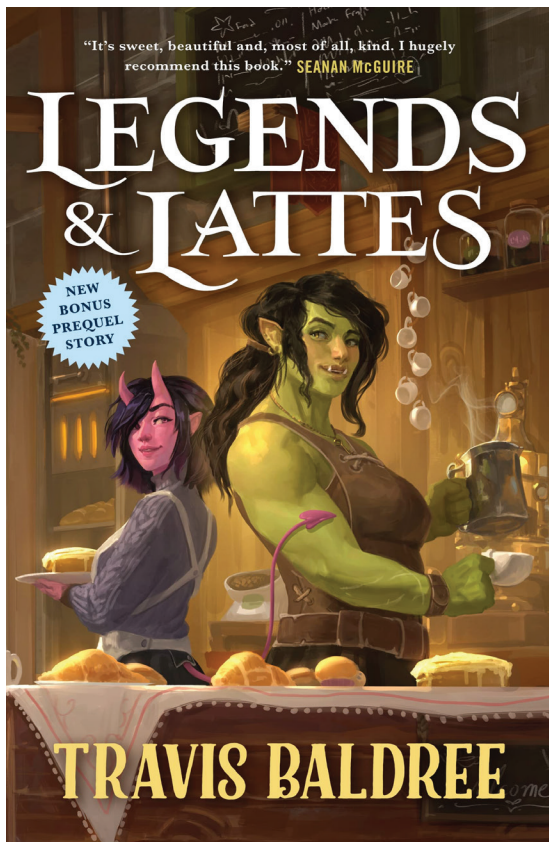
Available Formats: Book, eAudioBook, eBook, Large Print

Hear me out: even if you're not usually a fan of murder mysteries, Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers might still be your cup of tea. Pun intended, because tea is practically a supporting character in this cozy read. Vera Wong is an unstoppable force who has met the immovable object of time passing her by. She carefully runs her tea shop and daily routines just as she always has, even though her beloved husband passed away years ago, her grown son doesn't respond to her daily advice texts, and her tea shop often only has the single customer of a neighborhood friend. Then one early morning she comes down the stairs from her apartment and discovers a dead man in her shop! She does her due diligence by calling the police, preparing mind-clearing tea, carefully checking his pockets with tongs, drawing an outline of the body on the floor with a nearby permanent marker ... When the detectives fail to appreciate her efforts, don't want to drink any tea, and don't act like the investigators on tv shows, she decides it's only fair that she holds onto the flash drive she found in the dead man's hand and does some detecting herself. This isn't just another story about a snoopy older neighbor, though, besides Vera's possible nemesis (the owner of the pastry shop next door). Somewhere between deciding on a handful of suspects and figuring out what happened, what Vera and her suspects find is community, first steps towards healing, and a new, shared future.



reviewed by: Meg Nance Coker

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Legends and Lattes: A novel of high fantasy and low stakes
Travis Baldree

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Available formats: Book, eAudioBook, eBook

If you are a fantasy lover who has always wondered what happens when the adventurer puts down their sword, *Legends and Lattes* by Travis Baldree will be a great kickoff to your summer! The plot follows Viv, an orc who has decided that the adventuring chapter in her life is coming to a close. With a little bit of help from magic and a lot of help from her friends, she opens the first coffee shop in her new home. Though Viv may not be facing the dangers of high adventure anymore, she still must face the realities of running a small business in a new city, threats from the local crime ring, and the most intimidating foe of all - her burgeoning feelings for her day manager, Tandri. A page-turner that features luscious imagery, a few baking recipes, and a hint of Sapphic romance, *Legends and Lattes* is a cozy, low-stakes breath of fresh air.



reviewed by: Annika Lewis

Annika Lewis is a librarian at the Downtown Library. Her favorite genres are urban fantasy and science fiction. In her spare time, she runs tabletop RPGs for her friends, takes her cats for walks, and paints historical & fantasy portraits.



Hell Bent
Leigh Bardugo

FICTION BAR

Available formats: Book, Book on CD, eAudioBook, eBook, Playaway

Hold on tight cause we're all going to hell! Directly following the events of "Ninth House" --Leigh Bardugo's first venture into adult fiction -- Alex Stern continues her quest to save fellow Lethe member, and personal mentor, Darlington from the dark pits of hell. To do so, Alex and the rest of the Lethe crew must sleuth out the entrance to the underworld, figure out how to get in, save Darlington's soul, and most importantly, find a way to get out. While the mission may sound simple enough on paper, the crew quickly realizes that no amount of research can prepare them for the actual horrors of hell. Follow Alex and the rest of the Lethe crew as they attempt the impossible -- a literal heist from hell -- and continue the dive into the world of the uncanny in Bardugo's latest novel "Hell Bent." This book is a must read for fans of fantasy, magic, and mystery!



reviewed by: Sierra Ard

Sierra Ard is an Access Specialist at the Downtown Library. Her favorite genres are thriller, mystery, horror, and fantasy! When there isn't a book in her hand, she enjoys photography, astrology, and reviewing books on Goodreads.

celebrate asian pacific american heritage

May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. Join us at your local library for these special events! To see the latest information about library programs and events, click on the **Attend** menu on the MLS website: metrolibrary.org.

Almonte Library

*Registration required

Paper Fortune Cookies

All Ages
Almonte Library
May 1 - 27, All day

Pacific Islander Jewelry Making **

Adults
Almonte Library
May 11 at 6:30pm

Kumihimo Bracelet Kit

Teens, Adults
Almonte Library
May 15 - 21, All day

Capitol Hill Library

BIPOC Book Club: Sharks in the Time of Saviors *

Adults
Capitol Hill Library
May 31 at 6:00pm

Del City Library

Take-Home Tuesday: Bubble Tea *

Adults
Del City Library
May 2 at 12:00pm

Downtown Library

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration

All Ages
Downtown Library
May 27, All day

Edmond Library

Author Visit: Amy M. Le

All Ages
Edmond Library
May 27 at 3:00pm

Northwest Library

Shibori Dyed Tote Bags *

Teens
Northwest Library
May 6, 11 at 2:00pm

Shibori Dyed Tote Bags (Take-Home Kit for Teens)

Teens
Northwest Library
May 10 at All day

Tiger Jung's World Class Tae Kwon Do (Kids Ages 6-12) *

Kids
Northwest Library
May 21 at 3:00pm

Warr Acres Library

Yayoi Kusama Artwork Take Home Kit

Birth-PreK, Kids
Warr Acres Library
May 1 - 7 at 9:00am

Kintsugi Pottery *

Teens, Adults
Warr Acres Library
May 2 at 6:00pm

AAPI Heritage Music & Dance Party! *

Kids
Warr Acres Library
May 20 at 2:00pm

Wright Library

Art Around the World 2: Hawaiian Islands *

Kids, Teens, Adults
Wright Library
May 9 - 13, All day

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Almonte Library

Paper Fortune Cookies <i>All Ages</i>	May 1 - 27, All day
Grow Bag Gardens for Kids (plus make-up birdhouse program) * <i>Kids</i>	May 1 at 6:00pm
Virtual Anime Club * <i>Teens, Adults</i>	May 1 at 6:00pm
Introductory English as a Second Language Classes - Online (ESL) <i>Adults</i>	May 1, 3, 8, 10 at 6:00pm
Improv for Adults * <i>Adults</i>	May 2 at 6:30pm
Wonder Wednesday: Storytime <i>Birth-PreK</i>	May 3, 31 at 10:00pm
Spill the Beans Community Coffee <i>Adults</i>	May 4 at 10:00am
Brit Lit Book Club * <i>Adults</i>	May 7 at 4:00pm
Sketch Nature Take Home Kit <i>Kids, Teens</i>	May 8 - 14, All day
Wiggly Workers * <i>Kids</i>	May 8 at 6:00pm
Astrology 101 * <i>Teens, Adults</i>	May 9 at 7:30pm
Wonder Wednesday: Parachute Play <i>Birth-PreK</i>	May 10 at 10:00am
Pacific Islander Jewellery Making * <i>Adults</i>	May 11 at 6:30pm
Kumihimo Bracelet Kit <i>Teens, Adults</i>	May 15 - 21, All day
Seed Bombs <i>Kids</i>	May 15 at 6:00pm
Here's the Communi-TEA <i>Adults</i>	May 16 at 5:30pm
Improv Audition Techniques * <i>Kids, Teens</i>	May 16 at 6:00pm
Wonder Wednesday: Mother Goose on the Loose <i>Birth-PreK</i>	May 17 at 10:00am
Grow Bag Gardening * <i>Adults</i>	May 18 at 6:30pm

All Together Now Community Musical Auditions *
Kids, Teens May 20 at 9:30am, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30
1:30pm, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30

Flower Pot Painting
Kids May 22 at 6:00pm

¡Club de Hilo! / Yarn Club! *
Kids, Teens, Adults May 23 at 6:00pm

Wonder Wednesday: Playtime
Birth-PreK May 24 at 10:00am

Belle Isle Library

Dungeons & Dragons Teen Guild
Teens May 2, 16 at 4:00pm

Wiggly Wednesdays
Birth-PreK May 3, 10, 24, 31 at 9:00am, 10:00

Wiggly Wednesdays (signup required) *
Birth-PreK May 3, 10, 24, 31 at 11:00am

Star Wars Trivia Night *
Adults May 4 at 6:30pm

Preschool Pretend Playtime
Birth-PreK May 8 at 10:00am

Dungeons & Dragons Teen Guild
Teens May 9 at 4:00pm

Belle Isle Book Group
Adults May 10 at 11:00am

Decoupage a Trinket Shell Dish *
Adults May 11 at 6:30pm

Water Conservation in the Garden
Adults May 11 at 6:30pm

Bethany Library

Murder & MAYhem: Fingerprint Art Kit
Kids May 1 - 7, All day

Rocket Readers
Kids May 1 at 4:30pm

Virtual Rocket Readers *
Kids May 1 at 6:30pm

Author Talk: Kris Lackey
Teens, Adults May 2 at 7:00pm

Child Development and Autism Screening *
Birth-PreK May 3 at 9:00am, 10:30, 1:00pm, 2:30

Bethany Library, cont.

Coffee and Crafts <i>Adults</i>	May 3 at 10:30am
Fiber Arts Group <i>Kids, Teens, Adults</i>	May 3 at 1:30pm
Bethany Community Coffee <i>All Ages</i>	May 4 at 8:00am
After School LEGO Club * <i>All Ages, Kids, Teens, Adults</i>	May 4 at 4:30pm
Podcast Listening & Mystery Art Challenge <i>Teens, Adults</i>	May 6 at 10:00am
Zumba in the Park * <i>Adults</i>	May 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 10:00am
Stories & Fun <i>Birth-PreK, Kids</i>	May 6 at 11:00am
Sirens: A Southern True Crime Podcast Presentation <i>Teens, Adults</i>	May 6 at 2:00pm
Rocket Readers <i>Kids</i>	May 8 at 4:30pm
Personal Finance Coach <i>Teens, Adults</i>	May 8 at 5:00pm
Virtual Rocket Readers * <i>Kids</i>	May 8 at 6:30pm
Author Talk: Faith Phillips <i>Teens, Adults</i>	May 11 at 7:00pm
Murder, Mystery & MAYhem - Escape Room * <i>Teens, Adults</i>	May 13 at 1:00pm
2nd Saturday GameFest <i>Teens</i>	May 13 at 2:00pm
Monday Movie Night: Dial M for Murder <i>Teens, Adults</i>	May 15 at 6:00pm
Infant Crisis Services' BabyMobile <i>Birth-PreK</i>	May 16 at 10:00am
DNA Expert Guest Talk <i>Adults</i>	May 16 at 6:30pm
Fiber Arts Group <i>Kids, Teens, Adults</i>	May 17 at 1:30pm
Leaving a Legacy * <i>Adults</i>	May 17 at 6:00pm

Metropolitan Library Commission Meeting <i>Adults</i>	May 18 at 3:30pm
Author Talk: Staci Mauney <i>Teens, Adults</i>	May 18 at 7:00pm
Murder at the 1980's Prom: A Murder Mystery for Adults * <i>Adults</i>	May 20 at 2:00pm
Live Action Clue! <i>Teens, Adults</i>	May 23, 24, 25 at 6:30pm May 26, 27 at 10:00am, 2:00pm
Bethany Book Club <i>Adults</i>	May 30 at 11:00am

Capitol Hill Library

Introductory English as a Second Language Classes (ESL) <i>Adults</i>	May 2, 4, 9, 11 at 6:00pm
Total Wellness with OCCHD / Salud Total <i>Adults</i>	May 3, 10, 17, 24 at 10:00am
Stroke Awareness: the Warning Signs <i>Adults</i>	May 3 at 2:00pm
Star Wars Day: May The 4th Be With You Kit <i>Kids, Teens, Adults</i>	May 4 - 6, All day
Mini Succulents and Mother's Day Craft <i>Kids, Teens</i>	May 11 at 4:00pm
Community Project: Plastic Bag Sleeping Mats <i>Teens, Adults</i>	May 11, 15 at 5:30pm
Fiestas De Las Americas Artist Alley Informational Session <i>Adults</i>	May 13 at 12:00pm
Bilingual Storytime / Hora de Cuentos Bilingüe <i>Kids</i>	May 17 at 4:00pm
Charla de Nutrición - Comprando Rico & Sano <i>Adults</i>	May 22 at 11:00am
DIY Screen Printing <i>Teens, Adults</i>	May 27 at 10:30am
OKC Mobile Market <i>All Ages</i>	May 27 at 10:30am
BIPOC Book Club: Sharks in the Time of Saviors * <i>Adults</i>	May 31 at 6:00pm

Choctaw Library

Full Steam Ahead: Kitchen Table Science <i>Kids</i>	May 1 at 9:00am
3D Printing and Design * <i>Kids, Teens</i>	May 1, 8, 15, 22 at 4:00pm
Toddler Storytime <i>Birth-PreK</i>	May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 9:30am
Storytime <i>Birth-PreK</i>	May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 10:30am
Teen Time: D&D <i>Teens</i>	May 2, 16 at 1:00pm
Teen Movie Mania <i>Teens</i>	May 2 at 3:30pm
Tai Chi * <i>Adults</i>	May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 1:00pm
LEGO Club <i>Kids</i>	May 3 at 4:00pm
Nerdy Yoga & Crafts <i>Teens</i>	May 4 at 3:15pm
123! Play with Me! <i>Birth-PreK</i>	May 5 at 10:00am
Yoga * <i>Adults</i>	May 5, 12, 19, 26 at 10:15am
Teen Advisory Board <i>Teens</i>	May 5 at 3:00pm
Page Turners * <i>Adults</i>	May 6 at 2:00pm
Beyond the Book: Boat Race Science <i>Kids</i>	May 10 at 4:00pm
Choctaw Chamber of Commerce: Coffee and Conversation <i>Adults</i>	May 11 at 7:30am
Sphero Battlebots <i>Teens</i>	May 11 at 3:15pm
Let's Get Crafty <i>Teens, Adults</i>	May 13 at 2:00pm
May Flowers! <i>Kids, Teens, Adults</i>	May 17 - 27, All day
Gamefest <i>All Ages</i>	May 17 at 4:00pm

Lemonade Lounge <i>Teens</i>	May 18 at 3:15pm
Summer Volunteer Training * <i>Teens</i>	May 21 at 2:00pm
Kids' Movie Mania <i>All Ages, Kids</i>	May 22 at 6:00pm
Crafts in Bloom <i>Kids</i>	May 24 at 4:00pm
Anime Club <i>Teens</i>	May 25 at 3:15pm
Summer Volunteer Training * <i>Teens</i>	May 31 at 6:00pm

Del City Library

DHS Resource Help <i>Adults</i>	May 1, 8, 15, 22 at 9:00am
High School Equivalency Classes (HSE) <i>Adults</i>	May 1, 3, 8, 10 at 1:00pm
Teen Leadership Council * <i>Teens</i>	May 1, 15 at 4:00pm
Storytime * <i>Birth-PreK</i>	May 2, 16 at 10:00am
Take-Home Tuesday: Bubble Tea * <i>Adults</i>	May 2 at 12:00pm
Teen Dungeons and Dragons <i>Teens</i>	May 2, 9, 16 at 4:00pm
Children Reading to Dogs <i>Kids</i>	May 4, 18 at 6:30pm
Teen Game Night <i>Teens</i>	May 4, 18 at 6:30pm
Book Drop Jr. - Book Subscription Box * <i>Kids</i>	May 5, All day
The Book Drop - Teen Book Box * <i>Teens</i>	May 5, All day
Cozy Mystery Book Box * <i>Adults</i>	May 5 at 9:00am
OKC Mobile Market <i>All Ages</i>	May 5, 19 at 1:00pm
Robot Playtime * <i>Birth-PreK</i>	May 6 at 10:00am

Del City Library, cont.

Teen Maker Studio Teens	May 8 at 4:00pm
Art Time * Birth-PreK	May 9 at 10:00am
Family Art Night * All Ages, Kids	May 11, 25 at 6:30pm
Second Saturday Storytime * Birth-PreK	May 13 at 10:00am
No-Stress Readers' Circle! * Adults	May 15 at 6:00pm
Genealogy 101 * Teens, Adults	May 20 at 10:00am
Playtime * Birth-PreK	May 23 at 10:00am
Paint & Sip * Adults	May 27 at 2:00pm

Downtown Library

Story & Song * Birth-PreK, Kids	May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 11:00am
Water Conservation in the Garden * Adults	May 3 at 10:00am
Morning Movie Club Adults	May 4, 18 at 10:15am
Read & Romp! Birth-PreK, Kids	May 6, 20, 27 at 11:00am
Downtown Crochet & Knit Club * All Ages, Teens, Adults	May 6, 27 at 2:00pm
An Afternoon with Casey McQuiston * Teens, Adults	May 7 at 2:00pm
Memory Books for Dementia Take Home Kit * Adults	May 8 - 16, All day
Administrative & Personnel and Finance Joint Committee Meeting Adults	May 11 at 2:00pm
MLC Executive Committee Meeting Adults	May 11 at 3:00pm
Puzzle Swap All Ages	May 13 - 27, All day

An Afternoon with Casey McQuiston

New York Times Bestselling Author

Join us for An Afternoon with Casey McQuiston, the New York Times bestselling author of *One Last Stop*, *Red, White & Royal Blue*, and *I Kissed Shara Wheeler*.



May 7, 2pm - 4pm

Downtown Library

A Q&A and book signing will immediately follow Casey's author talk. Guests can bring their own copies of Casey's books to sign or purchase copies from Full Circle Bookstore here at the library. Have a question for Casey? Add it the special notes section of your RSVP.

This event will also be livestreamed on the Library's Facebook page for those unable to attend in person:

[facebook.com/metrolibrary](https://www.facebook.com/metrolibrary)

Space is limited! RSVP for this FREE event at bit.ly/MLSCaseyMcQuiston



Downtown Library, cont.

- GeekCon '23: The Return!**
All Ages May 13, All day
- Geek Con Escape Room: Escape the Supervillain's Lair!**
Kids, Teens, Adults May 13 at 10:30am, 1:00pm, 3:00
- Read & Romp! : Geek Con**
Birth-PreK, Kids May 13 at 11:00am
- The Wide World of Tabletop Gaming ***
Teens, Adults May 13 at 2:00pm
- Lunch Bunch Book Club ***
Adults May 16 at 12:00pm
- Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration**
All Ages May 17 - 27, All day
- Birdwatching for Beginners: Take Home Kit ***
All Ages, Kids, Teens, Adults May 17 - 27, All day
- Community and Coffee**
Adults May 19 at 9:00am
- D&D One-Shot: The Hallowed Crypt ***
Teens, Adults May 21 at 1:30pm
- Teen Book Box ***
Teens May 30, All day

Edmond Library

- Matter of Balance ***
Adults May 2, 4 at 2:00pm
- Advanced Beginner English as a Second Language Classes - Online (ESL)**
Adults May 2, 4, 9, 11 at 2:00pm
- Cozy Mystery Book Club**
Adults May 2 3:00pm
- Intermediate English as a Second Language Classes (ESL)**
Adults May 2, 4, 9, 11 at 5:00pm
- Children Reading to Dogs - 1st Session ***
Kids May 2, 16 at 6:30pm
- Children Reading to Dogs - 2nd Session ***
Kids May 2, 16 at 7:00pm
- U.S. Citizenship Classes ***
Adults May 3, 10 at 4:30pm
- Tales from the Silver Screen - The Philadelphia Story (1940) ***
Adults May 3 at 7:00pm

- Musictime for Babies ***
Birth-PreK May 4 at 9:00am
- Musictime for Children (2-5 years) ***
Birth-PreK May 4 at 10:00am, 11:00
- 123! Play with Me! ***
Birth-PreK May 5, 12, 19, 26 at 9:30am
- LEGO Block Party ***
Kids May 6 at 3:00pm
- Pastel Butterflies Take and Make for Ages 2-5 ***
Birth-PreK May 8 at 9:00am
- The Magic Tree House Book Adventures Club: Winter of the Ice Wizard ***
Kids May 8, 22 at 4:30pm
- Kids Fitness Fun with the YMCA ***
Kids May 9, 23 at 6:00pm
- Chess Club ***
Kids, Teens May 10, 24 at 4:30pm
- Teens & Tweens: The Masquerade Murder ***
Kids, Teens May 25 at 2:00pm
- Author Visit: Amy M. Le**
All Ages May 27 at 3:00pm

Harrah Library

- Whodunit Mystery Book Club ***
Adults May 16 at 1:00pm
- Harrah TCG Club**
Kids, Teens May 16 at 3:30pm
- May Flowers!**
Kids, Teens, Adults May 17 - 27, All day
- LEGO Club**
Kids, Teens May 24 at 4:00pm

Jones Library

- Reading Buddies**
Kids, Teens May 3 at 4:00pm
- Storytime**
Birth-PreK May 5 at 10:00am
- May Flowers!**
Kids, Teens, Adults May 17 - 27, All day
- Storytime**
Birth-PreK May 19 at 10:00am

Jones Library, cont.

Jones Book Club * <i>Adults</i>	May 23 at 10:00am
Let's Play Chess * <i>Kids, Teens, Adults</i>	May 24 at 3:00pm
Crafternoon <i>Kids</i>	May 31 at 3:00pm

Luther Library

LEGO Club <i>Kids</i>	May 1 at 10:00am, 4:00pm
Traveling Tales <i>Kids</i>	May 8 - 19, All day
Game Night <i>Kids, Teens, Adults</i>	May 10, 24 at 4:00pm
Storytime @ Farmstead Cafe <i>Birth-PreK, Kids</i>	May 17 at 9:00am
May Flowers! <i>Kids, Teens, Adults</i>	May 17 - 27, All day

Midwest City Library

Summer Teen Book Box Registration * <i>Teens</i>	May 1 - 27, All day
Storytime <i>Birth-PreK</i>	May 1, 8, 15, 22 at 10:00am
Storytime <i>Birth-PreK</i>	May 1, 8, 15, 22 at 11:00am
LEGO Club <i>All Ages, Kids</i>	May 2 at 4:30pm
Way Fun Wednesday <i>Birth-PreK</i>	May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 10:00am
Anime Movie Night * <i>Teens</i>	May 4 at 5:00pm
May Teen Book Box Pickup <i>Teens</i>	May 8 - 15, All day
After School Art Hour <i>Kids</i>	May 9, 16, 23, 30 at 4:30pm
Cookie Decorating with Pina's Cakery * <i>Teens</i>	May 11 at 5:00pm



A portion of the Henia Ring Schiff
Holocaust Resource Collection
will be available at the
following library locations

Warr Acres Library
April 24 - June 2

Northwest Library
June 12 - July 21

The Village Library
starting July 31

You can browse and check out these
important materials from your library.



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Midwest City Library, cont.

Wood Burning Canvas Tote Bag * <i>Teens</i>	May 13 at 2:00pm
Fandom Trivia Night: Pokémon * <i>Teens</i>	May 18 at 5:00pm
Board Game Club <i>Teens</i>	May 25 at 4:30pm
Blood Drive <i>Adults</i>	May 31 at 1:00pm

Nicomma Park

Community Room <i>Teens, Adults</i>	May 3, 10, 17, 24 at 1:00pm
May Flowers! <i>Kids, Teens, Adults</i>	May 17 - 27, All day

Northwest Library

Art Club - Art Show <i>Teens, Adults</i>	May 1 at 6:30pm
Children Reading to Dogs <i>Kids</i>	May 1, 15 at 4:00pm
How It Works: The Human Brain (Kids Ages 5-12) * <i>Kids</i>	May 2 at 4:00pm
Music Time (Babies and Toddlers) * <i>Birth-PreK</i>	May 3 at 9:30am, 10:30
D&D Club * <i>Teens, Adults</i>	May 4, 18 at 6:00pm
Preschool Storytime (Ages 3-5) * <i>Birth-PreK</i>	May 5, 12, 19, 26 at 10:30am
Shibori Dyed Tote Bags * <i>Teens</i>	May 6, 11 at 2:00pm
Adults Go To Preschool! <i>Adults</i>	May 7 at 3:00pm
Magic Color Changing Sensory Bottles (Ages 5-12) * <i>Kids</i>	May 7 at 3:00pm
Baby Time (Ages Birth-12 mos) * <i>Birth-PreK</i>	May 9, 16, 23, 30 at 9:30am
Healthy Living For Your Brain and Body - Dementia Series * <i>Adults</i>	May 9 at 10:00am

Toddler Time (Ages 1-3) *
Birth-PreK May 9, 16, 23, 24, 30, 31 at 10:30am

Bingo Night *
Kids, Teens, Adults May 9 at 6:30pm

Shibori Dyed Tote Bags (Take-Home Kit for Teens)
Teens May 10, All day

Toddler Time (Ages 1-3) *
Birth-PreK May 10, 17, 24, 31 at 9:30am, 10:30

Northwest Community Coffee
All Ages May 18 at 8:00am

Toddler and Pre-K STEM (ages 2-5) *
Birth-PreK May 20 at 10:00am

Shelf Indulgence: YA Book Club *
Teens, Adults May 20 at 2:00pm

Tiger Jung's World Class Tae Kwon Do (Kids Ages 6-12) *
Kids May 21 at 3:00pm

NW Book Chat & Sip Society *
Adults May 22 at 6:30pm

World Turtle Day (Ages 5-12) *
Kids May 23 at 4:00pm

Clay Turtle Take Home Kit (Ages 5-12) *
Kids May 24, All day

Ralph Ellison Library

Adult Basic Education Classes (ABE)
Adults May 2, 4, 9, 11 at 9:30am

Storytime Clubhouse, stories and songs for kids (Online) *
Birth-PreK May 3, 10 at 10:00am

Social Worker Assistance
All Ages, Adults May 3, 5 at 12:00pm

Reading Pals
Kids May 3 at 4:00pm

Afterschool Art Club
Kids, Teens May 4, 11, 18 at 4:00pm

Society of Urban Poets Learn about Poetry
Teens, Adults May 6 at 11:00am

Summer Teen Volunteers Training
Teens May 8, 20 at 4:00pm

The Pioneer Spirit Pop Up Exhibit
All Ages May 11 - 21, All day

Ralph Ellison Library, cont.

Pet Food Pantry <i>All Ages</i>	May 12 at 11:30am
Teen Advisory Board (TAB) <i>Teens</i>	May 12 at 4:00pm
Introduction to Air Fryers <i>Adults</i>	May 15 at 1:30pm
(Adults) The Short Book Club * <i>Adults</i>	May 22 at 1:30pm
Water Conservation in the Garden <i>Adults</i>	May 24 at 2:00pm
Storytime Crafternoon for Children * <i>Kids</i>	May 25 at 4:00pm
OKC Mobile Market <i>All Ages</i>	May 27 at 1:30pm

Southern Oaks Library

Tweens & Teens Take and Make Kit: DIY Kites * <i>Teens</i>	May 1 at 10:00am
CLC Adult Basic Education * <i>Adults</i>	May 1, 3, 8, 10 at 6:00pm
SAIL (Stay Active and Independent for Life) * <i>Adults</i>	May 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18 at 9:00am
Intermediate Tai Chi * <i>Adults</i>	May 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18 at 10:15am
U.S. Citizenship Classes <i>Adults</i>	May 4, 11 at 6:30pm
Water Conservation in the Garden * <i>Adults</i>	May 5 at 10:00am
Reading Buddies & Homework Help <i>Kids</i>	May 5, 12, 19 at 4:00pm
Free Comic Book Day at Southern Oaks <i>All Ages</i>	May 6 at 9:00am
Comic Book Workshop with THE Jerry Bennett * <i>Kids, Teens, Adults</i>	May 6 at 11:00am
Superhero Perler Bead Program * <i>All Ages</i>	May 6 at 2:00pm
Children Reading to Dogs * <i>Kids</i>	May 7 at 2:00pm

Parachute Play * <i>Birth-PreK</i>	May 8 at 10:30am
Stroke Awareness: How to recognize a stroke in about one minute * <i>Adults</i>	May 8 at 1:00pm
Southern Oaks Book Club * <i>Adults</i>	May 9 at 11:30am
Beginner's Yoga * <i>Adults</i>	May 13, 20 at 1:00pm
Tweens & Teens Take and Make Kit: Pipe Cleaner Dragons * <i>Teens</i>	May 15 at 10:00am
Comprando Rico & Sano <i>Adults</i>	May 23 at 10:00am
OKC Thunder Book Bus * <i>Kids</i>	May 25 at 1:00pm

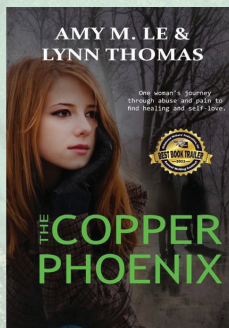
The Village Library

123! Play with Me! <i>Birth-PreK</i>	May 2, 9, 16, 23 at 10:00am
Children Reading to Dogs <i>Kids</i>	May 2, 16 at 3:30pm
Tai Chi * <i>Adults</i>	May 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19 at 11:30am
Music with Ginger * <i>Birth-PreK</i>	May 4 at 10:00am
Buzz Behind Bone Broth and Collagen with Natural Grocers * <i>Adults</i>	May 4 at 6:00pm
Chess Club <i>All Ages</i>	May 5, 12, 19, 26 at 4:00pm
Kids STEAM - Take Home Kit * <i>Kids</i>	May 9, All day
Teen Take & Make Lit Kit * <i>Teens</i>	May 9, All day
Full STEAM Ahead! * <i>Kids</i>	May 11 at 4:30pm
Teen Advisory Board * <i>Teens</i>	May 11 at 6:30pm
Saturday Storytime <i>Birth-PreK</i>	May 13 at 11:00am
Village Book Club <i>Adults</i>	May 18 at 3:00pm

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Join us in celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month by attending our May events featuring take home kits, crafts, and an author visit with Amy M. Le.

**Author visit with
Amy M. Le
Sat., May 27 - 3pm
Edmond Library**



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metrolibrary.org/aapi



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The Village Library, cont.

- Knitting Club**
All Ages May 20 at 10:00am
- Storytime**
Birth-PreK May 30 at 10:00am

Warr Acres Library

- Creative Writing Chapbook**
Teens, Adults May 1 at 9:00am
- Self-Care Take Home Kits ***
Teens, Adults May 1 at 9:00am
- Yayoi Kusama Artwork Take Home Kit**
Birth-PreK, Kids May 1 - 7 at 9:00am
- Council (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together)**
Adults May 1 at 10:00am
- Beginner English as a Second Language Classes (ESL)**
Adults May 1, 3, 8, 10 at 1:00pm
- Tech Tutoring ***
Adults May 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 31 at 6:00pm
- Tech Tutoring ***
Adults May 2, 3, 10, 16, 17, 24, 30, 31 at 10:00am
- Kintsugi Pottery ***
Teens, Adults May 2 at 6:00pm
- Reading Buddies ***
Kids May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 3:30pm
- Playtime**
Birth-PreK, Kids May 5, 26, 27 at 10:00am
- First Look Storytime**
Birth-PreK, Kids May 6 at 10:00am
- Book Club- When We Were Sisters by Fatimah Asghar**
Adults May 8 at 11:00am
- Storytime**
Birth-PreK May 12 at 10:00am
- Bilingual Storytime with Rainbow Fleet**
Birth-PreK, Kids May 13 at 10:00am
- Book Club- When We Were Sisters by Fatimah Asghar ***
Adults May 13 at 11:00am
- Art Time**
Birth-PreK May 19, 20 at 10:00am

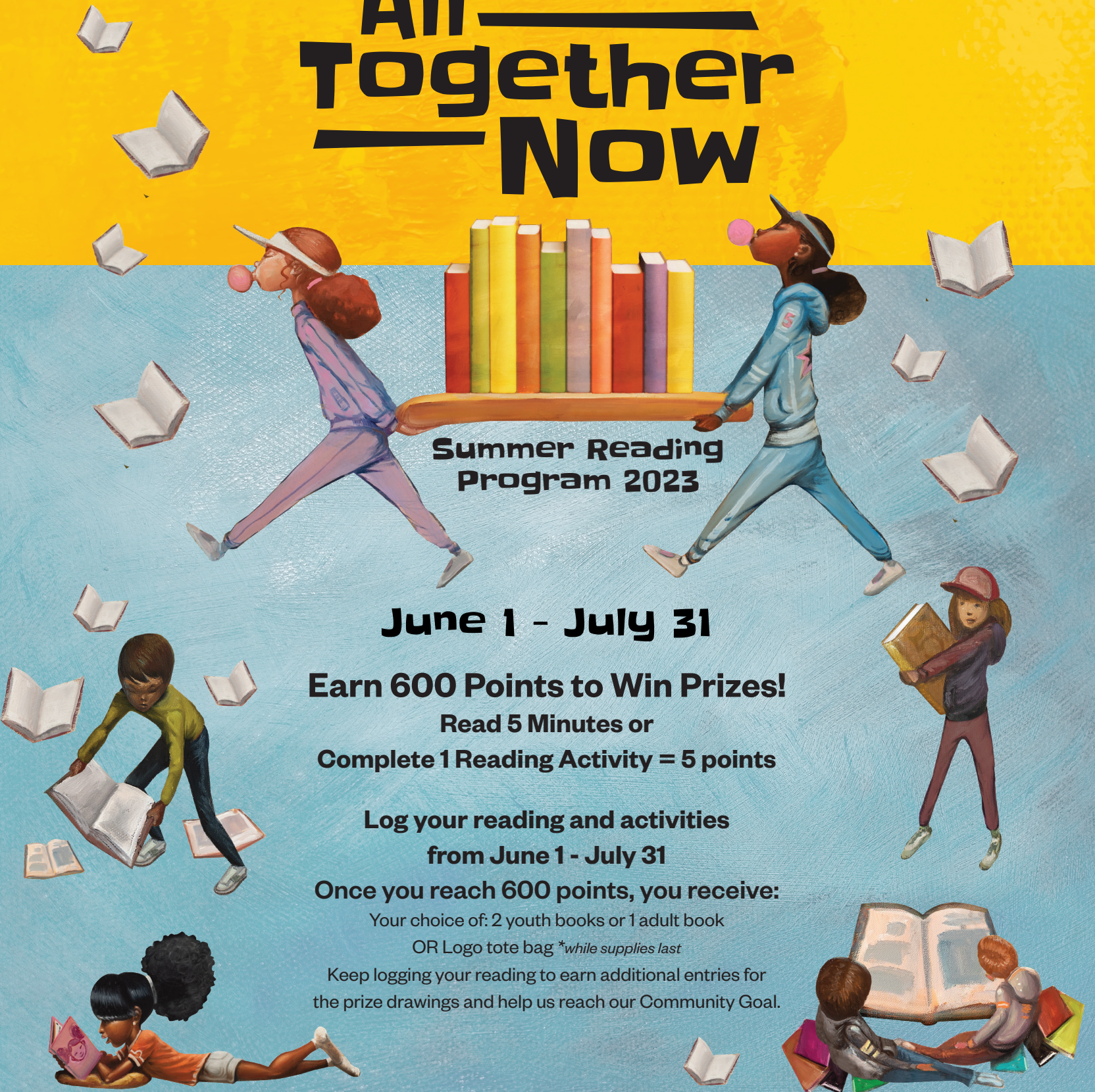
- AAPI Heritage Music & Dance Party! ***
Kids May 20 at 2:00pm
- OKC Mobile Market**
All Ages May 27 at 12:00pm
- Period OKC**
Teens, Adults May 27 at 12:00pm
- LEGO Club ***
Kids May 27 at 2:00pm

Wright Library

- Coffee & Conversation**
Adults May 6 at 9:00am
- Art Around the World 2: Hawaiian Islands ***
Kids, Teens, Adults
- *Registration required**



All Together Now



Summer Reading Program 2023

June 1 - July 31

Earn 600 Points to Win Prizes!

**Read 5 Minutes or
Complete 1 Reading Activity = 5 points**

**Log your reading and activities
from June 1 - July 31**

Once you reach 600 points, you receive:

Your choice of: 2 youth books or 1 adult book

OR Logo tote bag **while supplies last*

Keep logging your reading to earn additional entries for
the prize drawings and help us reach our Community Goal.



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1 ALMONTE 2914 SW 59, OKC, (405) 606-3575	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
2 BELLE ISLE 5501 N Villa Ave, OKC, (405) 843-9601	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
3 BETHANY 6700 NW 35th, Bethany, (405) 789-8363	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
4 CAPITOL HILL 327 SW 27th, OKC, (405) 634-6308	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
5 CHOCTAW 2525 Muzzy Street, Choctaw, (405) 390-8418	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
6 DEL CITY 4330 SE 15th, Del City, (405) 672-1377	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
7 DOWNTOWN 300 Park Ave., OKC, (405) 231-8650	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
8 EDMOND 10 S. Boulevard, Edmond, (405) 341-9282	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
9 HARRAH 1930 N. Church Avenue, Harrah, (405) 454-2001	9-6	9-8	9-6	9-6	9-6	9-5	–
10 JONES 9295 Willa Way, Jones, (405) 399-5471	9-6	9-8	9-6	9-6	9-6	9-5	–
11 LUTHER 310 NE 3rd, Luther, (405) 277-9967	9-6	9-8	9-6	9-6	9-6	9-5	–
12 MIDWEST CITY 8143 E. Reno, MWC, (405) 732-4828	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
13 NICOMA PARK 2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park, (405) 769-9452	–	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9-5	9-5	–
14 NORTHWEST 5600 NW 122nd, OKC, (405) 606-3580	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
15 RALPH ELLISON 2000 NE 23rd, OKC, (405) 424-1437	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
16 SOUTHERN OAKS 6900 S. Walker, OKC (405) 631-4468	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
17 THE VILLAGE 10307 N. Penn. Ave., The Village, (405) 755-0710	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
18 WARR ACRES 5901 NW 63rd, Warr Acres, (405) 721-2616	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
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