





Summer Reading Kick Off at Bethany Library

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Dear guests,

Welcome August! While summer reading has wrapped up and school hasn't yet started, kids are getting bored, and it's too hot to play outside. Come to one of our 19 locations in the Metropolitan Library System and stay cool while exploring our shelves or attending unique programs. Our library system in Oklahoma City is a cherished hub of knowledge and community, offering specialized collections and abundant educational resources. Whether you visit in person or access our digital resources from the air-conditioned comfort of your home, we value you as our guests and hope you enjoy all that our library system has to offer.

August brings with it a significant milestone in the life of the Metropolitan Library System and Oklahoma City—the 20th Anniversary of the Ronald J. Norick Downtown Library. Over the past two decades, this location has become a cornerstone of education and cultural enrichment in the heart of the city through dedicated service, learning, and community engagement. From its roots in the first MAPS program to its modern technology, every facet of this facility embodies our commitment to fostering knowledge, innovation, and inclusivity. We're thrilled to continue our role as a vibrant community hub, hosting diverse events and welcoming guests of all ages.

We recently concluded our Summer Reading program at the end of July, and it was inspiring to witness robust engagement and enthusiasm for reading for our guests of all ages and across our libraries. As we transition into the fall season, we hope to continue fostering this love for reading and learning among our patrons.

As students gear up to return to school, our programs and resources are ready to support their educational journey. Join us for a variety of in-person events like tea making, gardening workshops, escape rooms, puzzle races, LitFest events, poetry slams, and trivia nights, all designed to inspire and engage. Find more events at metrolibrary.org/events. Additionally, explore our online resources, including arts and crafts tutorials, interactive coding lessons, tutoring and test prep, exam readiness materials, and business and technology courses. Browse our website to discover even more resources available year-round.

Thank you for your steadfast support and enthusiasm for all the library has to offer. Let's celebrate our continuing commitment to growth, learning, and service at the heart of our community.



Warm regards,

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Get ready for LitFest at the Downtown OKC Library on Saturday, August 17. Check out our article for writing tips and inspiration from published Metro Library librarians. Plus read Kaitlin Lashley's LitFest guide, ideal for fiction, poetry, and playwriting enthusiasts. Visit metrolibrary. org/litfest for details.



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Discover something for everyone at the library this month! Whether you're into gardening, dancing, puzzles, or poetry, we have over 400 events waiting for you!



Join Metro Library in celebration of the State Fair of Oklahoma! Scan the QR code below to find take-home kits and activities happening at a library near you.



By Kaitlin Lashley, LitFest Attendee

Oklahoma City is often referred to as small, but by proportion, its literary scene is quite impressive—large enough to rival membership and events of a much bigger city. One of the biggest testaments to this is LitFest, a free writing conference that takes place each August.

I attended LitFest last year for the first time. The creative atmosphere was tangible as prospective and experienced writers alike made their way into the beautiful Ronald J. Norick Downtown Library. Participants were greeted on the first floor by a wide variety of exhibitors, including authors, writing guild members, software developers, and podcast hosts; most of them offered fun freebies such as bookmarks, books, or discounts. It was amazing to learn how many organizations and companies supported the local writing community. However, this was just the tip of the iceberg of what LitFest had to offer.

Anywhere from three to six panels were offered per time slot all day, allowing attendees to choose their takeaway from the conference. There were a wide variety of author-led panels, allowing participants to pick and choose the topics of interest. It seemed there was something for everyone, from true crime to romance or fantasy, kidlit or comics or mystery and even D&D and poetry. I particularly enjoyed a workshop with Lou Berney, who required attendees to stretch our creative muscles through a writing exercise where our characters had to show us who they are, rather than tell us.

I write adult fantasy and romance that my co-author and I plan to self-publish, so, I prioritized the panels that pertained most to us. Since LitFest, we have successfully implemented several branding tools that we took away from Hannah Parker's book marketing workshop. We have

also used Plottr, developed by Cameron Sutter, to plot the first and second book of our fantasy series.

I can't wait to attend this year's event, set for August 17, and I plan to be better prepared for the conference. Here are my suggested strategies to maximize the Litfest experience.

- One: Plan ahead! With so many amazing panels offered, you need to have your schedule worked out in advance to make sure you get there in time to grab a seat if you can; some panels were so popular they became standing room only.
- Two: Arrive early. There are more than a dozen amazing vendors at LitFest. I want to have time to visit each vendor before panels begin.
- Three: Network. I met many other writers at LitFest last year, and they have provided important feedback on my work since the conference through critique groups and Metro Library hosted write-ins.
- Four: Prepare for disappointment. I say this because I can't be in two places at once—and I wish I could've been able to attend every panel that seemed interesting to me. This is a true testament to LitFest's superior roster.

This year's lineup features more genre and media offerings with short stories, playwriting, craft-focused workshops, and nonfiction. Most notable to me is the increase in publishing programs, five in total, which includes discussions on traditional, indie, small press, and self-publishing routes.

If you are a writer in the OKC metro, don't miss this FREE event. I hope to see you there.

Metro Library: Author Corner





Name: Danielle Ellison Title: SALT Library Branch: Bethany Library

About: Danielle Ellison writes books with relatable characters and epic romances, whether it's a first love or a found one. Find more at danielle-ellison.com.

Book Summary: SALT has been called 'Supernatural meets Charmed meets Buffy.' It follows a teenage witch with no magic, secretly fighting demons to prove herself. One day, she meets a boy who makes her magic come alive, and she finds herself hunted by demons.

Q&A: What inspires you as a writer? Other writers inspire me, especially as I get the opportunity to connect with them at events like LitFest. We share our woes, our experience in the industry, and our stories with each other. We celebrate the wins and mourn the losses. We all share this passion that's contagious, it pushes me to want more, to do more, to write more, and to share as a mentor with those coming after me. I've really enjoyed building that mentor role and getting to use my decades of experience with them.

Ready to register for LitFest? Scan the QR code below or visit metrolibrary.org/LitFest









Name: Scott Garrison
Title: From the Universe to Me
Library Branch: Community
Libraries - Choctaw, Harrah, Jones,
Luther, & Nicoma Park

About: Scott E. Garrison is passionate about sharing new, queer stories, and he is also the host of the podcast, "Unsolicited Book Reviews."

Book Summary: Tobias Gavin, 18, grapples with his sexuality, hiding his true self for a "normal" life until he meets Gareth David at college. When Gareth, his history professor, challenges Tobias to confront his feelings, depression, anxiety, and heartbreak, Tobias learns that embracing his identity and trusting others could lead to happiness and valuable life lessons.

Q&A: What writing advice do you have? Writing a novel, novella, poetry, etc. is going to be different for everyone, but I think that it's important to read as much as possible. If you are writing a thriller, you should read as many thrillers as you can, so you can see how other writers approach the genre. You can learn writing skills by observing other writers in the wild. This is also a way to find inspiration. Of course, you can always draw from your own experiences, but sometimes that is difficult when you are writing a ghost story or space odyssey and haven't met a ghost or been on a spaceship lightyears away from earth. That's why it's important to read! When you sit down to write your story, you'll need to throw every trick and skill you've learned about writing over the years, but I think it's vitally important to be adaptable and be willing to change things as you write. Being unwilling to deviate from your plan will only lead to writer's block. Sometimes characters want to go in a different direction and sometimes writing out a planned scene just doesn't work well once written out, so you need to make sure listen to your characters and be adaptable.





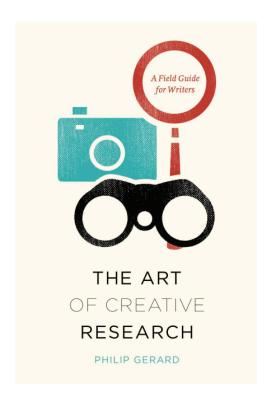
Name: Kim Ventrella
Title: The Secret Life of Sam
Library Branch:
Downtown OKC Library

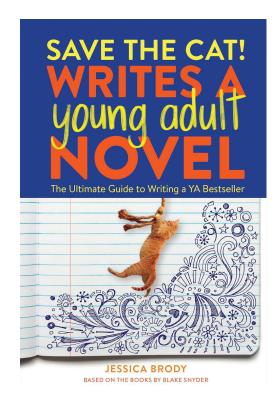
About: Kim Ventrella writes whimsical middle grade novels for the spooky at heart. Find more at kimventrella.com.

Book Summary: After Sam's dad dies in a car accident, he's sent to live with a long-lost aunt in Holler, Oklahoma. He wants nothing to do with the town until he discovers a mysterious tree behind his school that transports him back home, where Pa—now seemingly alive—is waiting for him. Sam is thrilled to be reunited but soon learns that getting Pa back for good could be more complicated—and dangerous—than he ever imagined.

Q&A: What are some writing tips and tricks you've picked up over the years? When I'm building a story, I ask myself two questions: what does my main character want and what do they need? There is a big difference. Their want will drive the action of the story, as they strive to fulfill their goal, encounter increasingly difficult obstacles, and react by changing their tactics. Their need is something emotional, often a lack that they're unaware of, that will lead them to change as a person by the end of the story. This inner change will come about gradually as a result of all the obstacles they've faced. The most satisfying stories are the ones that have both strong action and emotional storylines. If your story is all action with no emotional stakes, readers don't have any reason to care about what's happening. To misquote Stephen King, first you have to make readers fall in love with your characters, then you can start killing people off.

in review





The Art of Creative Research: A Field Guide for Writers Philip Gerard

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Save the Cat Writes a Young **Adult Novel** Jessica Brody

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Available formats: Book, eBook

Many authors of fiction and non-fiction alike may find themselves struggling to gather research for information and inspiration. They are often aware that they must familiarize themselves with the elements of their worlds, from religion to the natural world, but how can they get started in a manageable, referential way? Philip Gerard's The Art of Creative Research: A Field Guide for Writers is a brief but excellent starting point for those who may have abandoned their love of creative research in school. Though primarily written for those writing narrative nonfiction pieces, Gerard provides excellent practical advice for any author who does not know where to start research, those who have gotten stuck in a dead end, and those who struggle to consolidate their work. I give The Art of Creative Research: A Field Guide for Writers a strong recommendation to anyone embarking on a project.

reviewed by: Annika Lewis



Annika Lewis is a librarian at the Downtown Ronald J. Norick 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.

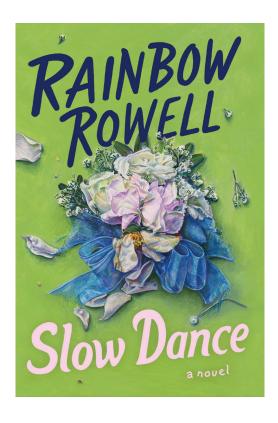
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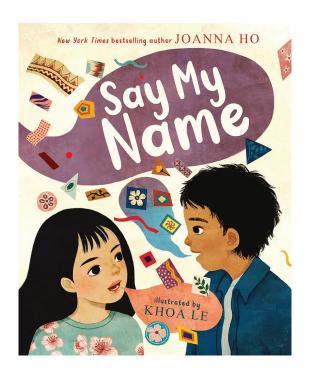
Are you looking for a fun writing guide to help you structure your novel? "Save the Cat Writes a Young Adult Novel" is a great resource that utilizes Blake Snyder's famous "Save the Cat" screenwriting method to approach the story beat structure. Brody's book walks you through the 15 essential Save the Cat plot points, while illustrating the plot points with examples pulled from some of the most popular young adult titles. This book also covers topics like universal story genres, as well as other writing tips and writing advice. And while there aren't any actual cats in this book (sigh), it's a worthwhile read for anyone looking to write a book for teen readers, and any writer looking for a new way to create a dynamic roadmap to your story.

reviewed by: Marcie Jackson



Marcie Jackson is the Visual Communications Manager at Metro Library. Her passions include graphic design, illustration and writing. She loves reading and writing in multiple genres, but is most drawn to contemporary young adult, mysteries and science fiction.





Slow Dance Rainbow Rowell

FIC ROW

Available formats: Book, eBook, eAudiobook

Mid-thirties mom Shiloh has been married and divorced by the time she finds herself back in Omaha, in the same house she grew up in, with all her original life plans trashed. When she's invited to the wedding of an old high school classmate, she is petrified at the thought of running into Cary, her once best friend. Everyone thought they would end up together, but Shiloh and Cary lost touch while she was in college and he joined the Navy. They haven't even spoken in over a decade. After Shiloh and Cary spend hours ignoring everyone but each other at the wedding and share a slowwww slow dance, everyone knows there's something going on again between them — except maybe Shiloh and Cary. Author Rainbow Rowell delivers once again with realistic but hopeful insight about working-class life and love. This is a sentimental ballad of a romance novel, a slow burn with big theater-major feelings that nevertheless comes across as too real to be mushy or cliché.

reviewed by: Emily Williams



Emily Williams is the teen services manager for Metro Library. When she's not librarianing, she paints pet portraits and uses her superpowers to manifest getting the No. 1 parking spot.

Say My Name Joanna Ho

EASY HO

Available formats: Book, eBook, Kindle, Read Along

This beautifully written picture book embraces diversity and celebrates the perfection of being proud of your heritage by exploring the importance of your name. In this story, we are introduced to six different children who proudly celebrate their names and backgrounds: Hé Xiao-Guang, Ofa Kivaha Tupoumalohi, Bijan Hosseini, Nizhoni Yazzie, Xóchitl Luna, and Akosua Acheampong. These captivating children of Chinese, Tongan, Persian, Navajo, Mexican, and Ghanaian descent also honor their ancestors and cultural histories. The reader explores the culture of each child while learning the importance of their name and the importance of pronunciation. The illustrations are another reason why I highly recommend this book.

reviewed by: Michelle Stone



Michelle Stone is a Collection Development Technician, mother to two sons, pet owner to three chihuahuas (Little Bear, Zoey, and Bella), and grandma to Ahsoka the cat. She's a huge fan of reading and movies, including "Star Wars." Ask her about R2-D2!



By Buddy Johnson, Special Collections Manager

August means back-to-school for many of us in Oklahoma. Frankly, I'm glad my school days are over. Having to walk to school in 102-degree August heat while cozy, warm sweaters and zip-up turtlenecks fresh from a Penney's back-to-school sale mocked me from their hangars was one of life's greatest annoyances. I wasn't then, but am now, glad that school was there for me when I needed it and I'm much more appreciative of the sacrifices my folks made to provide that warm apparel when I needed it. It helps to remember that when my daughter screams at me when I push her to work hard and study. Let's take a look back and see what kind of struggles our ancestors went through to get an education.

Not long after Oklahoma Territory was formed in May of 1890, Oklahoma City created its first Board of Education. The Board provided money for a school in each of the city's four wards. They didn't provide money for new buildings,

though, so classes were held in storefronts.

Conditions for learning were grim. The classrooms were crowded and often unheated while supplies and equipment were nowhere to be found. As for textbooks, students had to bring books from home and the teachers had to devise ways to teach 70 children the same thing from 70 different

Finally, in June 1893 the first school bond issue was passed which set aside \$70,000 to fund permanent buildings for schools. Opponents of the bond issue quickly challenged the legality of the election which tied up the funds until the district court settled the matter. It took until the spring of 1894 to reach a decision, but the court did acknowledge the legality of the election. But in a Solomonic twist of justice, the courts only allowed \$45,000 of the bond money to be allocated.

Although there was now only \$45,000 to work with, construction on the new schools began in earnest in 1894. The rivalry between the north and south sides of the city had already developed by this time and it showed in the race to see which side could be the first to construct a brick school building in the city. Residents visited the building sites everyday to encourage the construction crews and cheer them on. Parties with no rooting interest took to wagering which side would win and bookmakers did a brisk trade around town. Emerson, the first northside school, had to overcome an early protest by residents who said, it was foolish to build a school so far out into the cornfield, (it still stands at 715 North Walker). Washington School won the race and classes began at the new school at 315 South Walker in the spring semester of 1895. The bill for building these two schools came in at \$44,000, just under the \$45,000 allocated. If you think you're seeing double it's because they saved money by using the same design. The only difference is that Washington has a curved cap on the tower and Emerson's is straight.



Washington School 1894, Oklahoma City Public Schools Board Collection



Emerson School, Oklahoma City Public Schools Board Collection



Washington School, John M. Dunning III Collection

Back to School with the Library!



Explore the Metropolitan Library System's digital resources just in time for the school year for school-age kids of all ages and even college students! You can also join us for in-person events to keep those noggins sharp through the whole year!

Online Learning Platforms:

- **Creativebug:** Offers thousands of arts and crafts video tutorials by expert artists. Learn painting, knitting, sewing, and more, suitable for all skill levels.
- **Fiero Code:** Provides interactive coding lessons for ages 8-18. Kids can learn HTML, Python, and JavaScript through engaging projects and tutorials.
- **HelpNow:** Brainfuse service offering live tutoring, practice tests, and skill-building for students from elementary to high school, with support available in Spanish.
- LearningExpress Library: Provides study guides and practice tests for various exams, including the GED, ACT, and SAT, along with job and career resources.
- **LinkedIn Learning:** Features self-paced video courses in business, technology, and creative skills, taught by industry experts.
- Tumblebooks: Supports children's reading comprehension with quizzes and readaloud stories that highlight words, offering adjustable reading speeds and providing essential help at home, especially during summer.

Discover how these resources and more support learning at metrolibrary.org!



Celebrating Two Decades of Excellence:

The 20th Anniversary of the Ronald J. Norick Downtown Library



By Zoe Elrod, Internal Communications Coordinator



Metro Library Employee, Special Collections Archive

On August 17, 2024, the Ronald J. Norick Downtown Library in Oklahoma City celebrates its 20th anniversary, marking two decades of service, learning, and community engagement in the Arts District. This 114,130-square-foot facility has been a cornerstone of education and cultural enrichment since its inception in 2004.

Library services in downtown Oklahoma City began in 1901 with the Carnegie Library at NW 3rd and Robinson Ave, supported by the Philomathea Club and Andrew Carnegie. The original Carnegie Library was razed to build a new library on the same site, which opened in 1954 at 131 NW 3rd (now Dean A. McGee). This library notably reopened quickly after

the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995, primarily repairing damage to its windows to resume serving the community.

In 1993, voters approved the Metropolitan Area Projects (MAPS) initiative, which funded the construction of the new Ronald J. Norick Downtown Library. Named after former Mayor Ron Norick, who championed the MAPS program, the library opened on August 17, 2004, equipped with modern amenities and technology to meet the evolving needs of its patrons.

The library offers classrooms, study rooms, conference facilities, a children's program room, the Route 66 Computer Lab, the 46th Star Auditorium, and the Friends Event Room. It houses extensive collections and services on two floors, with spaces for meetings and offices. It provides book returns and modern amenities like public computers, mobile printing, free Wi-Fi, and comprehensive copying and scanning services, including Wi-Fi hotspots for checkout.

Specialized collections include Genealogy, Americans and the Holocaust, topographic maps, and the Special Collections and Research Department, preserving materials like primary sources, photographs, and rare books about Oklahomans in the Oklahoma Room.

The library also offers Experience Passes for local attractions such as the Oklahoma City Museum of Art and the Oklahoma History Center.

Today, the Ronald J. Norick Downtown Library stands as a pillar of Oklahoma City, hosting events like Paranormal Fest, LitFest, Geek Con, storytimes, adult programming, punk shows, arts and crafts, puppet shows, and more.

As it celebrates its 20th anniversary, the library continues evolving to meet community needs while upholding excellence in education, culture, and community spirit.

Here's to many more years of growth, learning, and service at the heart of Oklahoma City. Happy 20th anniversary to the Ronald J. Norick Downtown Library!



august featured events

To see the latest information about library programs and events, click on the *Attend* menu on the MLS website: metrolibrary.org.

*Registration required

Bethany Library

Tea Making*

Adults Aug. 20 at 6:00pm

Bethany Library

Capitol Hill Library

Back to School Kit

Kids Aug. 1 - 30 at Noon

Capitol Hill Library

Choctaw Library

Web Developer Bootcamp with Fiero Learning

Teens, Adults Aug. 12, 19, 26 at 7:00pm

Choctaw Library

Del City Library

Fall Beginner Gardening

Adults Aug. 6 at 6:00pm

Del City Library

Planting Your Fall Garden*

Aug. 27 at 6:00pm

Del City Library

Culture Crew - Egyptian Saidi dance!*

Aug. 28 at 6:30pm All Ages

Del City Library

Downtown Library

LitFest*

Teens, Adults Aug. 17 at 10:00am

Downtown Library

Edmond Library

Adventures in Embroidery for Teens with the Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center*

Teens Aug. 1 at 2:00pm

Edmond Library

Metropolitan Library Commission Meeting

Aug. 22 at 3:30pm

Edmond Library

Jones Library

Natural Dyes for Kids*

Aug. 7 at 3:00pm Kids

Jones Library

Library Online

Tailored Titles Online

All Ages Aug. 13 at 6:00pm

Library Online

Luther Library

Planning Your Fall Garden*

Adults Aug. 13 at 6:30pm

Luther Library

Midwest City Library

Fandom Trivia Night: Pokemon*

Aug. 15 at 5:00pm

Midwest City Library

Northwest Library

Dino Day*

Kids Aug. 3 at 2:00pm

Northwest Library

Family Game Day: Bingo

All Ages, Kids Aug. 31 at 2:00pm

Northwest Library

Ralph Ellison Library

The Urban Poets and a Poetry Slam with Anthony Crawford

Teens, Adults

Aug. 26 at 6:00pm

Ralph Ellison Library

Southern Oaks Library

Escape Room*

Teens, Adults Aug. 23 at 4:00pm

Southern Oaks Library

Mosaic Art*

Teens, Adults Aug. 31 at 2:00pm

Southern Oaks Library

Warr Acres Library

Escape Room- Tutankhamun's Tomb*

Aug. 29 at 6:00pm

Warr Acres Library

august events

Almonte Library

Super Smash Bros Tournament*

Teens Aug. 1 at 5:30pm

Take-Home Kit: Grow Your Own Crystals

Aug. 5 - 9, All Day

Back to School Educators Reception*

Adults Aug. 5 at 2:30pm

Yarn Club! / Club de Hilo!*

Teens, Adults Aug. 6 at 6:00pm

Wiggly Wednesdays*

Birth-PreK Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28 at 10:00am and 11:00am

Take-Home Kit: DIY Desk Pet

Aug. 12 - 16, All Day All Ages

Reading to Dogs

All Ages Aug. 12 at 6:00pm

Trading Card Game Night*

Teens Aug. 13 and 27 at 5:00pm

Teen Makerspace Tuesday*

Teens Aug. 20 at 6:00pm

Take-Home Kit: Food Explorers*

Adults Aug. 22, All Day

MLS Studio: 3D Models 101*

All Ages Aug. 22 at 6:00pm

Natural Dyes for Kids*

Kids Aug. 26 at 6:00pm Reading Music for Beginners*

Kids, Teens Aug. 27 at 6:00pm

Chalk the Walk*

Kids Aug. 28 at 6:00pm

Belle Isle Library

Puzzle Palooza!

All Ages Aug. 4, 11, 18 at 2:00pm

Playtime

Birth-PreK Aug. 5 at 10:00am

Wiggly Wednesdays

Birth-PreK Aug. 7 at 9:00am and 10:00am

Wiggly Wednesdays - Sign Up Required

Birth-PreK Aug. 7 at 11:00am

Children Reading to Dogs

Kids Aug. 7 and 21 at 6:15pm

Citizenship Class

Adults Aug. 7 at 6:30pm

Spice Club Take-Home Kit

Adults Aug. 12, All Day

Belle Isle Book Club

Adults Aug. 14 at 11:00am and 5:30pm

Drones at the Library!

All Ages Aug. 22 at 6:30pm

Friends Trivia

Adults Aug. 25 at 2:00pm

Stitch Sounds: An Evening of Record Listening, **Art & Embroidery**

Teens, Adults

Aug. 29 at 6:30pm

Makerspace Crafternoon

Adults Aug. 31 at 1:00pm

Bethany Library

Oklahoma Human Services Mobile Bus

Adults Aug. 1, 9:00am - 5:00pm

Tai Chi

Adults Aug. 3, 10, 17, 31 at 9:30am

Stories & Fun

Birth-PreK, Kids Aug. 3 at 11:00am

Bethany Critique Group*

Adults Aug. 6 at 6:00pm

Coffee and Crafts

Adults Aug. 7 at 10:30am

Bethany Library, contd.

Fiber Arts Group/Craft Along!

Kids, Teens, Adults Aug. 7 and 21 at 1:30pm

Conversation Group for Spanish Learners*

Teens, Adults Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28 at 7:30pm

Personal Finance Coach

Teens, Adults Aug. 12 at 5:00pm

Women's Coffee

Adults Aug. 13 at 10:00am

Infant Crisis Services' Baby Mobile

Birth-PreK Aug. 13 at 10:00am

Maker Meetup

Teens, Adults Aug. 14 at 6:00pm

Back to School Slime Time!

Kids, Teens, Adults Aug. 15 at 4:00pm

Share the Love With Furry Friends

All Ages Aug. 17 at 2:00pm

Planting Your Fall Garden*

Kids Aug. 20 at 6:00pm

Tea Making*

Adults Aug. 20 at 6:00pm

MetroWrites Meet Up

Adults Aug. 20 at 6:00pm

Bethany Book Club

Adults Aug. 27 at 11:00am

Alzheimer's Support Group

Adults Aug. 27 at 6:00pm

Capitol Hill Library

Back to School Kit

Kids Aug. 1 - 30, All Day

Building Healthy & Delicious Meals with Natural Grocers and Lisa Loos, BS, INHC

Teens, Adults Aug. 7 at 6:00pm

LEGO Club

Kids, Teens Aug. 14 at 4:15pm

Crochet Night - Make a Reusable Grocery Bag

Teens, Adults Aug. 15 at 6:30pm

After School Games

Kids, Teens Aug. 26 at 4:00pm

Choctaw Library

Mindfulness Journal

Teens, Adults Aug. 1, All Day

Adult Dungeons and Dragons

Teens, Adults Aug. 1 and 15 at 6:00pm

Yoga*

Adults Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 10:15am

Page Turners*

Adults Aug. 4 at 2:00pm

Full Steam Ahead: Kitchen Table Science

Kids Aug. 5, All Day

Web Developer Bootcamp with Fiero Learning*

Teens, Adults Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26 at 7:00pm

Toddler Storytime

Birth-PreK Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27 at 9:30am

Storytime

Birth-PreK Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27 at 10:30am

Teen Dungeons and Dragons

Teens Aug. 6 and 20 at 1:00pm

LEGO Club

Kids Aug. 7 at 4:00pm

Artsy Fartsy Club: Yayoi Kusama

Teens Aug. 8 at 3:15pm

Natural Dyes for Kids*

Kids Aug. 9 at 10:00am

Yoga on the Patio*

Adults Aug. 9 at 10:15am

Let's Get Crafty

Teens, Adults Aug. 10 at 2:00pm

Pirate Science

Kids Aug. 14 at 4:00pm

DIY Squishies for Teens

Teens Aug. 15 at 3:15pm

Lemonade Lounge

Teens Aug. 22 at 3:15pm

Sumi Ink Paintings

Adults Aug. 25 at 2:00pm

Fall Beginner Gardening

Adults Aug. 27 at 6:00pm

Legends and Lore: Exploring Cryptids & More

Kids Aug. 28 at 4:00pm

Anime Club

Teens Aug. 29 at 3:15pm
* Registration required

Del City Library

LEGO Club

Kids Aug. 1 and 15 at 4:00pm

Teen Game Night

Aug. 1 and 15 at 6:30pm Teens

DHS Resource Help

Adults Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26 All Day

Storytime*

Birth-PreK Aug. 6 and 20 at 10:00am

Fall Beginner Gardening

Adults Aug. 6 at 6:00pm

Lo-fi Study Hall

Kids, Teens, Adults Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28 at 4:00pm

Family Art Night*

All Ages Aug. 8 and 22 at 6:30pm

The Writers Room*

Adults Aug. 10 at 2:00pm

Pokemon TCG League*

Kids, Teens Aug. 11 and 25 at 3:00pm

Art Time*

Birth-PreK Aug. 13 at 10:00am

No-Stress Readers' Circle!*

Adults Aug. 18 at 4:30pm

Teen Dungeons and Dragons

Aug. 19 and 26 at 5:30pm Teens

Paint & Sip*

Adults Aug. 24 at 2:00pm

State Fair Pennant Take Home Kit

Teens, Adults Aug. 26 -31, All Day

Playtime*

Birth-PreK Aug. 27 at 10:00am

Planting Your Fall Garden*

Kids Aug. 27 at 6:00pm

Culture Crew - Egyptian Saidi dance!*

All Ages Aug. 28 at 6:30pm

BattleBots*

Kids, Teens Aug. 29 at 6:30pm

Downtown Library

Teen Book Bag*

Teens Aug. 1 - 7 at 9:00am **Live Piano Music**

All Ages Aug. 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30 at Noon

ScissorTales

Birth-PreK, Kids Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 10:00am

Downtown Crochet & Knit Club*

All Ages Aug. 3 at 2:00pm

Baby Storytime!

Birth-PreK Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28 at 11:00am

Thursday Morning Movie Club

Aug. 15 and 29 at 10:15am Adults

Still Growing: Gardening Class and Take Home Kit*

Aug. 15 at 6:30pm

LitFest*

Teens, Adults Aug. 17 at 10:00am

Lunch Bunch Book Club*

Adults Aug. 20 at Noon

Computer Keys: How to Apply for Jobs Online*

Teens, Adults Aug. 22 at 10:00am

Community and Coffee

Adults Aug. 23 at 9:00am

Monthly Dungeons and Dragons Session*

Teens, Adults Aug. 25 at 1:30pm

Edmond Library

Adventures in Embroidery for Teens with the Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center*

Teens Aug. 1 at 2:00pm

Family Dance Party

All Ages Aug. 2 at 10:00am

LEGO Block Party*

Aug. 3 at 3:00pm

Beekeeping 101*

Teens, Adults Aug. 5 at 6:30pm

Cozy Mystery Book Club

Adults Aug. 6 at 3:00pm

Children Reading to Dogs - 1st Session*

Kids Aug. 6, and 20 at 6:30pm

Children Reading to Dogs - 2nd Session*

Aug. 6 and 20 at 7:00pm

Tales from the Silver Screen - Mean Girls (2004)*

Adults Aug. 7 at 7:00pm

Anime Club: Erased*

Teens Aug. 8 at 6:30pm

Edmond Library, cont'd

Book Bunch Book Club*

Adults Aug. 10 at 1:30pm

Clothespin Bird Take and Make For Ages 2-5*

Birth-PreK Aug. 12 - 18, All Day

Take & Make: Heated Eye Mask — Ages 10-18*

Kids, Teens Aug. 12 - 18, All Day

The Magic Tree House Book Adventures Club:

Leprechaun in Late Winter*

Kids Aug. 12 and 26 at 4:30pm

Chess Club*

Kids, Teens Aug. 14 and 28 at 4:30pm

Great Jigsaw Puzzle Race*

Adults Aug. 17 at 2:00pm

Quilling Club*

Teens, Adults Aug. 19 at 6:00pm

Metropolitan Library Commission Meeting

Adults Aug. 22 at 3:30pm

Gamers Unplugged: Faves!*

Kids, Teens Aug. 22 at 6:30pm

State Fair Pennants Take and Make Kit for Adults

Teens, Adults Aug. 26 -31, All Day

Let's Create! Painting for Adults*

Adults Aug. 31 at 10:45am

Harrah Library

Mindfulness Journal

Teens, Adults Aug. 1, All Day

Game-Fest

Kids, Teens Aug. 13 at 3:30pm

Whodunit Mystery Book Club

Adults Aug. 20 at 1:00pm

LEGO Club

Kids, Teens Aug. 22 at 3:30pm

Backpack Charms

Kids, Teens Aug. 29 at 3:30pm

Jones Library

Mindfulness Journal

Teens, Adults Aug. 1, All Day

Game Night

Kids, Teens, Adults Aug. 1 and 15 at 3:30pm

Tea Making*

Adults Aug. 6 at 6:30pm

Natural Dyes for Kids*

Kids Aug. 7 at 3:00pm

Storytime

Birth-PreK Aug. 9 and 23 at 10:00am

New Knitters

Adults Aug. 13 and 27 at 6:00pm

Jones Book Club

Adults Aug. 27 at 10:00am

STEM Club

Kids, Teens Aug. 27 at 4:00pm

Solar Oven Build & Test

Kids Aug. 28 at 4:00pm

Seed Library

Teens, Adults Aug. 31 at 9:00am

Luther Library

Mindfulness Journal

Teens, Adults Aug. 1, All Day

Scavenger Hunt

All Ages Aug. 1, All Day

Smokey Bear Reading Challenge

Kids, Teens, Adults Aug. 3, All Day

LEGO Club

Kids Aug. 5 at 4:00pm

Storytime

Birth-PreK Aug. 7 and 16 at 10:00am

Fall Budget Gardening for Kids

Kids Aug. 10 at 10:30am

Planning Your Fall Garden*

Adults Aug. 13 at 6:30pm

Game Night

Kids, Teens, Adults Aug. 27 at 5:30pm

Midwest City Library

Fall Teen Book Box Registration*

Teens Aug. 1 - 31, All Day

Anime Club*

Teens Aug. 1 at 5:00pm

Guided Acrylic Painting: Lighthouse*

Teens Aug. 3 at 2:00pm

Mat Yoga*

Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26 at 10:00am Adults

Storytime

Birth-PreK Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26 at 10:00am and 11:00am

LEGO Club

Aug. 6 at 4:30pm All Ages

Total Wellness

Adults Aug. 6 and 13 at 5:15pm

Way Fun Wednesday: Parachute Play

Birth-PreK Aug. 7 at 10:00am

Adult Wood Burning: Pen Holders*

Adults Aug. 7 at 6:00pm

Super Smash Tournament*

Teens Aug. 8 at 5:00pm

End of Summer Party

All Ages Aug. 9 at 1:00pm

Dungeons and Dragons Character Building*

Aug. 10, 9:00am - 4:00pm

Children Reading to Dogs*

Kids Aug. 12 at 4:00pm

Total Wellness Screening

Adults Aug. 13 at 5:15pm

Way Fun Wednesday

Birth-PreK Aug. 14, 21, 28 at 10:00am

Dungeons and Dragons for Beginners*

Adults Aug. 14 and 28 at 6:00pm

Fandom Trivia Night: Pokemon*

Teens Aug. 15 at 5:00pm

Homeschool Hangout

All Ages Aug. 16 at 4:00pm

Fall Budget Gardening for Kids

Kids Aug. 19 at 4:30pm

After School Art Hour

Kids Aug. 20 at 4:30pm

One More Chapter*

Adults Aug. 21 at 6:00pm

Wildlife Walks*

All Ages Aug. 24 at 10:00am

Pokemon Club*

Kids, Teens Aug. 26 at 4:30pm

Planning Your Fall Garden

Adults Aug. 28 at 6:00pm Perler Bead Workshop*

Teens Aug. 29 at 5:00pm

Nicoma Park

Mindfulness Journal

Teens, Adults Aug. 1, All Day

Community Room

Aug. 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21

Teens, Adults 23, 28, 30 at 1:00pm

Northwest Library

Preschool Time (Ages 3.5-5)*

Birth-PreK Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 10:30am

Dungeons and Dragons Club*

Teens, Adults Aug. 1 and 15 at 6:00pm

Toddler and Pre-K STEM*

Birth-PreK Aug. 3 at 10:00am

Dino Dav*

Kids Aug. 3 at 2:00pm

Library Helpers (Ages 7-10)*

Kids Aug. 4 at 3:00pm

Children Reading to Dogs

Kids Aug. 5 and 19 at 4:00pm

Pressed Flower Bookmarks - DIY Make & Take*

Adults Aug. 5 at 6:00pm

Baby Time (Ages Birth-12 mos)*

Birth-PreK Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27 at 9:30am

Toddler Time (Ages 1-3)*

Birth-PreK Aug. 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 at 10:30am

Toddler Time (Ages 1-3)*

Birth-PreK Aug. 14, 21, 28 at 9:30am

All Ages Storytime with ASL Interpretation

Birth-PreK, Kids Aug. 10 at 9:45am

DIY Headbands & Hair Accessories (Ages 5-12)*

Aug. 10 at 2:00pm

Sugar Scrub - DIY Make & Take*

Adults Aug. 12 at 6:00pm

LEGO Club (Ages 5-12)

Aug. 13 at 4:30pm

Clean Up Themed Playtime!*

Birth-PreK Aug. 17 at 10:00am

Tea Making

Adults Aug. 17 at 11:00am

Northwest Library, contd.

Fall Budget Gardening for Kids

Kids Aug. 20 at 4:00pm

Shelf Indulgence: YA Book Club*

Teens, Adults Aug. 24 at 2:00pm

Puzzle Race!*

Adults Aug. 25 at 2:00pm

Bad Art Night: Head in the Clouds

Adults Aug. 26 at 6:00pm

Family Game Day: Bingo

All Ages Aug. 31 at 2:00pm

Ralph Ellison Library

Gaming Unplugged*

Kids Aug. 1 at 2:00pm

Sunny Cyanotype Paper Take & Make

All Ages Aug. 5 - 11, All Day

Quilting & Crafting

Teens, Adults Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26 at 11:00am

Anime and Manga Club

Teens Aug. 5 and 19 at 4:30pm

Cyberbullying: Make Safe Choices Online*

Kids, Teens Aug. 6 at 2:00pm

LEGO Club

All Ages Aug. 7 at 6:00pm

Pet Food Pantry

All Ages Aug. 9 at 11:30am

Evening Family Story Time*

Birth-PreK, Kids Aug. 12 at 6:00pm

Teen Craft & Chat

Teens Aug. 13 at 4:00pm

Natural Dyes for Kids*

Kids Aug. 14 at 4:00pm

Game Day

Kids, Teens Aug. 22 at 4:00pm

Unofficial Warhammer Club Build Session*

Teens, Adults Aug. 24 at 2:00pm

Speed Friending*

Ādults Aug. 25 at 2:30pm

The Urban Poets and a Poetry Slam with Anthony Crawford

Teens, Adults Aug. 26 at 6:00pm Computer Help in the Goodwill Mobile Van

Teens, Adults Aug. 28 at 11:30am

Computer Class: the Basics*

Teens, Adults Aug. 28 at 2:00pm

Storytime Crafternoon for Children

Aug. 29 at 4:00pm

Southern Oaks Library

Magnet Crafts*

Adults Aug. 3 at 1:00pm

Cozy Mystery Readers Club*

Adults Aug. 5 at 1:00pm

Beginners Line Dancing*

Adults Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28 at 1:00pm

Soldering Sunday*

Teens, Adults Aug. 11 at 2:00pm

DIY Magnets Kit*

All Ages Aug. 12 - 30, All Day

Southern Oaks Book Club*

Adults Aug. 13 at 11:30am

Kids' Book Club*

Kids Aug. 13 at 6:00pm

How To Start A Business With SCORE OKC*

Adults Aug. 15 at 6:30pm

Storytime*

Birth-PreK Aug. 19 and Aug. 26 at 10:30am

Intermediate Tai Chi*

Adults Aug. 20, 22, 29 at 10:15am

Maker Tuesday

Aug. 20 and 27 at 4:30pm All Ages

Adult Dungeons and Dragons - Session 0

Adults Aug. 22 at 6:00pm

Escape Room*

Teens, Adults Aug. 23 at 4:00pm

Natural Dyes for Kids

Kids Aug. 24 at 2:00pm

Children Reading to Dogs*

Kids Aug. 25 and 27 at 2:00pm

BreastFeeding Friends: Lactation & Support Group*

Adults Aug. 26 at 11:30am

Adult Dungeons and Dragons - Fall Session*

Adults Aug. 29 at 6:00pm

Minecraft Meetup*

Kids Aug. 30 at 4:00pm

* Registration required

Mosaic Art*

Teens, Adults Aug. 31 at 2:00pm

The Village Library

Music with Ginger*

Birth-PreK Aug. 1 at 9:00am and 10:00am

Chess Club

All Ages Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 4:00pm

Baby Storytime

Birth-PreK Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26 at 10:00am

Storytime

Birth-PreK Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27 at 10:00am

Children Reading to Dogs

Kids Aug. 6 and 20 at 3:30pm

Knitty Committee

All Ages Aug. 10 at 10:00am

Natural Dyes for Kids

Kids Aug. 10 at 11:00am

Paper Collage a Quilt Take-Home Kit*

Adults Aug. 13, All Day

Teen Take & Make Lit Kit*

Teens Aug. 13, All Day

Village Book Club

Adults Aug. 15 at 3:00pm

Staying Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) with OHAI*

Adults

Aug. 19, 21, 26, 28 at 10:00am

Giant (and Tiny) Origami

All Ages Aug. 24 at 11:00am

Picture Your Life in Personalized Paper Collage*

Teens, Adults Aug. 27 at 6:00pm

Warr Acres Library

Mindfulness Journal

Teens, Adults Aug. 1 - 31, All Day

Aug. Creative Writing Chapbook

Teens, Adults Aug. 1 - 31, All Day

Tai Chi for Better Balance*

Adults Aug. 1, 6, 8, 13, 15 at 10:00am

Musictime

Birth-PreK Aug. 2 at 10:00am

Creative Writing Sunday*

Teens, Adults Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25 at 1:30pm

S.A.L.T. Council (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together)

Adults

Aug. 5 at 10:00am

Warr Acres Library English Conversation Club

Adults Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26 at 12:30pm

All Ages LEGO Build - Paris Olympics

All Ages Aug. 6 at 6:30pm

Child Development and Autism Screening*

Birth-PreK Aug. 7 at 9:00am, 10:30am, 1:00pm, 2:30pm

STEM Club - Science Fun!*

Kids Aug. 8 at 10:00am and Aug. 10 at 2:00pm

Learn the Art of Mixed Media Collage on Canvas Board*

Teens, Adults Aug. 8 at 6:00pm

Storytime

Birth-PreK, Kids Aug. 9 at 10:00am

Fabric Book Cover Take-Home Kit

All Ages Aug. 12 - 17, All Day

Minecraft Club*

Kids, Teens Aug. 15 at 6:00pm

Art Time

Birth-PreK Aug. 16 at 10:00am

Family Art Time

Kids Aug. 17 at 2:00pm

Basic Hand Embroidery*

Teens, Adults Aug. 22 at 6:00pm

Playtime

Birth-PreK Aug. 23 and 30 at 10:00am

Fall Budget Gardening for Kids

Kids Aug. 24 at 10:00am

Cotton: Sustainable Fabric From A Seed

All Ages Aug. 24 at 12:30pm

Mindful Skills for Relaxation - Cross Stitch*

Teens, Adults Aug. 27 at 6:30pm

Escape Room- Tutankhamun's Tomb*

Teens Aug. 29 at 6:00pm

LEGO Club

Kids Aug. 31 at 2:00pm

Wright Library

Coffee for the Community

Adults Aug. 3 at 9:00am

Miniature State Fair Food Kit

Kids, Teens, Adults Aug. 27 - 31, All Day

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