

OFF THE SHELF



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April Was Strange... May Might Be Stranger

Libraries are a unique type of place. We are essential and yet not; we are quiet and contemplative, and yet also a vibrant gathering place; we can provide so much online and remotely, yet part of the library experience is in the building and physical. Finding our place in a pandemic has been more about trying to carve new places and learning to accept that the old ways might be gone for some time.

The world has changed. But we are flexible. We are adaptable. We can find ways to change with it.

Although we have been closed, we have all been here, accepting calls, answering emails, setting up library cards, helping people sign up for grocery services, and teaching people how to use their tablets, how to get ebooks and audiobooks on their phones, how to get movies on their TV from hoopla, how to use our BrainFuse databases for homework help. We are also deep cleaning the library and making it safer and more efficient. We are developing safety policies and phase-in plans for when we reopen.

Although we cannot let you in the building yet, we are working hard for future you who gets to come back in.

Summer Reading Program



Even if we are permitted to open in June, it will be with restrictions, so we have decided that this year, we will be unable to have a physical, in-person summer reading program. BUT we have TONS of plans for this summer's programming that will still be lots of fun.

We will still have SRP bags set with a calendar of events and projects that we will want you to do: One bag for June, one for July. We will have challenges, contests, crafts, color sheets, and tons of online activities, including movie days! We have experiments, crochet and origami instruction, storytimes and more up our sleeves. We will have prizes and events for kids, teens, and adults, as usual.

This year's theme is "Imagine Your Story." We have had to imagine a completely different way of library-ing! Most of it WILL have to be online, at least for a while, but we will have our Wi-Fi on 24/7 in case you need to use it to download, upload, or send something.

Important pages to follow online:

Homepage: www.youseemore.com/duncan/

Facebook: Duncan Public Library AND DPL Teens

Instagram: @DuncanPublicLibrary

YouTube: Duncan Public Library

Genealogy Library Updates

The Genealogy Library is closed as well, but you should not forget to check the website and Facebook page for constant tips and updates. Currently, we are encouraging everyone to keep a journal about personal experiences during this time of crisis. One of the significant ways that historians can learn about historic times is by reading about the daily lives of regular citizens and how they record the changes around them.

Kristi and Jan are providing tips for writing and keeping up the habit, along with all kinds of genealogy tips and local flashbacks every day.

In addition, you can still call Kristi for all your genealogical needs. She's in research mode, ready to help you find a yearbook photo of your long-lost great-aunt May, or teach you how to research your Scottish heritage. She can also teach you all kinds of tricks for finding the information for yourself! Call 580-255-8718.

Website: www.scgslib.com

Facebook: Stephens County Oklahoma Genealogical Society Library

Let's Talk about Apps, Baby!

We have a lot of databases with a lot of stuff in them. Some of them are computer-only, some of them are available as apps, but all of them are FREE with your library card.

Step one in accessing these treasures, is to make sure you have a working library card. If you don't have one, call and we will set you up with an online-only card for now, including a PIN. If you already have a card, but something is blocking it from working, call us. We can find out if the PIN needs to be changed, if the card expired, or if there's some old fine or family link that is preventing access.

Step two is to decide what you want! I'm going to tell you just what's available on the apps right now.

You should download these to your phone or tablet now!

Libby: Oklahoma's online library consortium. eBooks, eAudio, comics, magazines, and some streaming videos as well! Here, you have to be on a holds list for items, but the selection is great!

Hoopla: eBooks, audio, comics, children's read-alongs, movies, TV, music, and more! Here, you will have a checkout limit, but again, the selection is amazing AND no wait list!

rbDigital: eBooks, eAudio, and magazines are all available here. The selection isn't quite as big, depending, and there is a wait list, but the magazine selection is great!

Mango: Mango carries lessons and movies for dozens of languages! Learn at your own pace. Even Pirate!

Glassdoor: Job searches, company evaluations, salary calculations, interview advice, and more! Job seekers, learn and find leads here!

HelpNow: Online tutoring, writing lab, study help, practice tests, and more. Educational help at every level!

2020 Alphabook Challenge



The challenge this year is to **read books with titles that start with each letter of the alphabet.**

Complete the entire alphabet (in any order) by the end of the year, and you win!

In May, we will highlight letters I, J, & K.

Re-read some oldies but goodies: *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote, *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan, and *Kiss the Girls* by James Patterson are all available by e-book or audiobook and are enjoyable the second time around. Call us if you need help accessing our online resources! 580-255-0636

Building Updates

StoryWalk: We've received all pieces of our StoryWalk and are working on getting it installed. This piece of library fun will be completed this summer and even though we will not be open to the public for a while, we are excited for you to take an appropriately-socially-distanced stroll through it when the time comes!

Roof: We are getting a new roof installed! Hopefully that will cut down on the leaks and water damage that can be so dangerous to books!

Furniture: The Genealogy Library furniture has arrived and looks amazing. The furniture in the main library is being deep cleaned, redyed, refreshed, replaced, and rearranged.

We have made lots of repairs, improvements, and modifications and are always working on more.

Miss books? Or need to get rid of some?

Check out the many

Little Free Libraries in Duncan!

Take a book, leave a book!

Hillcrest Park, Chestnut and D
Genealogy Library, 301 N. 8th St.
Chickasaw Housing, 2414 Harris Dr.
Stephens UMC, 902 W. Stephens
Centennial Park by Simmons Center
Cameron University, 3100 W. Bois D'Arc
Prairie House, 9th and Oak
Private Home, 10th and Hickory
Private Home, Springdale Lane
Private Home, Timbercreek Addition

If you know of more or any that have changed, please let us know!