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OFF THE SHELF

IT'S A WRAP!

We've reached the end of 2024, and we'd like to end the year with a gift to our patrons! A display of festively wrapped books will appear this month. Take a peek at the gift tag to get an idea of what story is hidden inside, and take a chance on checking one out! You may discover an author or a genre you would never have thought you'd enjoy. Unwrap a cozy tale, thrilling adventure, or unsettling story to wrap up another year of using the library!



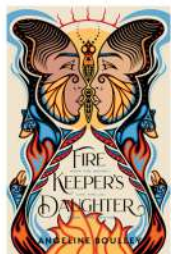
LIGHT THE LIBRARY!

The Friends of the Duncan Public Library will host the Season's Readings Lighting event on **Tuesday, December 3rd at 5:45 pm**. You will be able to purchase select sizes (M, L, XL) of Season's Readings shirts to support FOL at this event, but you can also place an order for shirts in other sizes if needed! Ornaments will also be available to purchase with all money going back to the friends to fund upcoming DPL projects and programs.

FIRST BOOKS

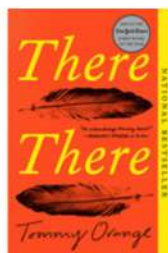
**Thursday, Jan 9th
5:30 PM**

Firekeeper's Daughter
by Angeline Boulley
with Dr. William Carney.



Native American Identity From Past to Present: A More Perfect Union Theme

The Duncan Public Library in partnership with Oklahoma Humanities will host Let's Talk About It, Oklahoma! A series of book events centered around five amazing books presented by five amazing scholars at your favorite local library. Literature and popular media are littered with stereotypical and fantastical images and stories of Native American people, often painting them as people living in a mystical past or as a pure but vanishing race who remain on reservations, far removed from the rest of American society. This theme challenges this narrative by presenting Native American identity through the lens of Native writers and Native experiences. You can reserve a copy of each book with the library to read before each book discussion.



**Thursday, Feb 13th
5:30 PM**

There There by
Tommy Orange with
Dr. Ken Hada.



Arrivals

These books are scheduled to be released this month.

Bellevue	Cook, Robin
Miss Amelia's List	Lackey, Mercedes
Lawbreaker	Palmer, Diana
Stuart Woods Golden Hour	Woods, Stuart



ILL staff will search other libraries for the items we could not add to our collection and have them shipped to us for a fee! Fill out the form online or at circulation!

STAFF NOTES

Outreach Coordinator Jessica Allmon earned her Level 3 Public Librarian certification from the Oklahoma Department of Libraries!

LOOKING AHEAD

We're already planning some amazing programs for 2025. As part of our Kids Vote 2024 program, almost 200 children voted on new toys and programs for 2025. They chose new jumping rocks to play with in the Children's Library, a Dog Man themed party in January, and a petting zoo for Summer Reading 2025. Speaking of Summer Reading, we're already planning for our new theme: Color Our World! Plan on tons of art, music, and performances. To kick off the celebration early, pick up 2025's Reading Challenge and Color Our World with books.

THE FOL FILES...

The Friends will have their meeting prior to the Season's Readings lighting event at 5:15 pm. The FOL are responsible for so much that we do at the library. The holiday lighted sign, decor, and all the trimmings are courtesy of this wonderful group. If you'd like to join the friends, it is \$10 a year and includes benefits like extra checkouts and checkout times. If you'd like to be a more active member, come to the meeting to find out how you can serve on the Friends board!

OUTREACH...

We're looking for outreach partners and opportunities for 2025! Do you want to help create amazing events for library patrons on a topic that you're passionate about? Or maybe you want to sponsor a part of our Summer Reading Program? You might need someone to come out and talk about the library, reading, and more! Get in touch with us at dploutreach@duncanok.gov to find out all the ways that you can get involved with the Duncan Public Library!

KRISTI'S CORNER

I have book friends. I am thinking of one in particular right now who mentioned she has book friends—besides me—and they recommend books to each other. Well, some book friends are malicious and steer you wrong—and if they did it on purpose, they are no longer my book friends. With this book year in summary, I hope not to steer you wrong. I can't include all the books I have read, but this is a list for Christmas giving to your favorite bookworm. Here goes: For the fantasy reader, Rebecca Ross's Divine Rivals and Ruthless Vows. Also, the Crescent City trilogy by Sarah Maas is excellent for those who have read her A Court of Thorns and Roses series or even if they haven't.

For those who like current events, conspiracy theories, and spy thrillers—Daniel Silva's A Death in Cornwall and Greg Iles, The Southern Man. Lighter books are Abbi Waxman's Christa Comes Out of Her Shell and Emily Henry, Funny Story. Historical fiction Jacqueline Winspear's the White Lady was excellent as was Susan Elia MacNeal's The Last Hope. And Simon Sebag Montefiore's Moscow trilogy was one of the best things I read this year. For those who want history, I recommend Timothy Snyder's On Tyranny and Bloodlands. Both of these books are excellent and very timely. Mark Mazower's Dark Continents is about Europe in the 1930's and I highly recommend it to all those history aficionados. I hope you find something you love in this list, and I wish everyone Happy Holidays! Until next time, so many books, so little time.

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 Corner of 8th and Ash, Duncan, OK
 LET US HELP YOU FIND YOUR ROOTS

WEDNESDAY, DEC 4TH @ NOON:
 OPEN DISCUSSION BROWN BAG LUNCH
 ALL GENEALOGY TOPICS WELCOME

Brown Bag Lunches in 2025

- 1/8: How to use Ancestry.com
- 2/5: Beginner's Genealogy
- 3/5: Early Duncan History @ Historical Museum
- 4/2: Perspective/Presentism & Genealogy
- 5/7: DNA Visualization
- 6/4: Summer Road Trips for Genealogy
 July: NO BROWN BAG
- 8/6: Census Records through the National Archives
- 9/3: Digitizing Family Memories
 October Annual Meeting: NO BROWN BAG
- 11/5: Family Myths
- 12/3: Open Floor Genealogy Discussion

*dates, locations & topics may be adjusted

PROGRAMS & PICKS



LEGOS® Mondays 2-4 pm
Thursdays:
 Baby/Toddler @ 10:30 am
 Storytime @ 11 am

All ages are invited **Saturdays**
at 1 pm to learn how to do all
 the things you can do with yarn
 from Karen Page!

STRING THEORY



On **Thursday, December 19th**,
 Miss Sacha will host Spanish
 Storytime! Come to **Hora Del**
Cuento at 4 pm upstairs!

12/5 @ 11am: SafeCare will be
 here to talk the parents of
 little ones about resources
 that are available to them



Cain's Jawbone Fall Book Club
 will take place on
Thursday, Dec 12th at 5:30
 pm. Call Jessica for info!

Photo Club will meet on the
 second and fourth Saturday
 of the month Call 580-721-
 0575 if you have questions.



FOL Storywalk®'s new book:
Countdown to Fall by Fran
 Hawk. Written in English,
 Spanish, & ASL!

Doctor Who trivia @
Merlin's Magic Market
 on Fri, Dec 13 @ 7:00 PM!



LIVE-IT weight loss program
 taught by an RN/Certified
 teacher every **Monday @ 11**
 am. See circulation desk for
 more information.

DALC Computer Classes are
 available Mon & Wed from 10
 am to 11:30 am every week!
 Covers basic computer skills.



Kitchen Travels: Warm Drinks
Edition! Join us for warm
 drinks on Fri, Dec 20th at 2:30.

December 14 @ 10 am. All
 ages, join Miss Darbie for
 Cookie Decorating fun! Free
 event; while supplies last



Tai-Chi Mon, Wed, & Fri @ 10am:
 For Seniors to improve their balance.
Sit-Fit Tue, Thu, & Sat @ 9 am:
 Low impact fitness.

Every Tuesday @ 3:30 pm,
 writers 18 and older meet in
 the board room to hone their
 skills and support each other.



WRITER'S GROUP

MISS DARBIE'S DECEMBER PICK

The Christmas Owl
 by Ellen Kalish &
 Gideon Sterer

Based on the True
 Story of a Little Owl
 Named Rockefeller!



Tues & Thurs Minecraft!
 For ages 6 -15.
 at 3 and 4 pm!
CALL TO SIGN UP!



Coding for Kids is every
 Wednesday from 3 to 4:30
 pm. For ages 6-15. Please call
 to sign up (580) 255-0636



HAVE A VOICE AT YOUR LIBRARY!



WEEKLY TEEN PROGRAMS:



TUESDAYS
@ 4PM
AGES 12-18

Teen writers supporting
 expressing themselves and
 supporting each other in
 their creative endeavors



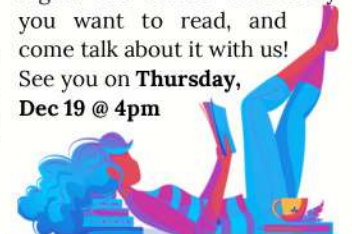
STRING THEORY
 (knitting/crocheting
 & all things yarn)
OPEN TO TEENS
SATURDAYS @ 1 PM

TEEN READING CHALLENGES:

Read 25 books a year to finish
 each of these challenges!
 Discover new perspectives
 and different views. See
 yourself in stories. Read!

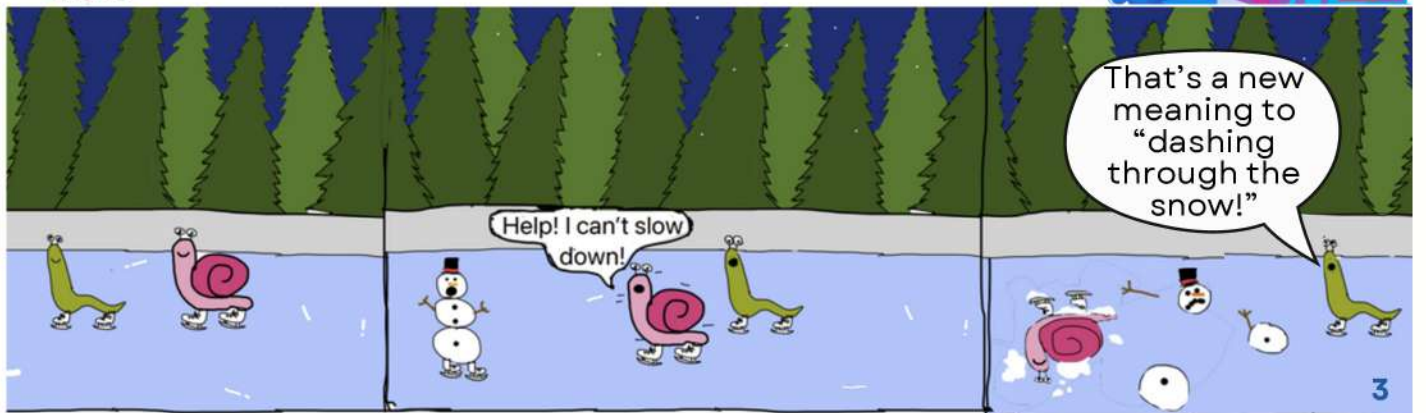
TEEN READS

Thursday, December 19
 For this month's discussion,
 read a "winter feels" book.
 That may mean a cozy, sweet
 Christmas-time romance, a
 heartwarming family story, or
 a thrilling/ scary/ mystery/
 thriller set during the polar
 night! You decide what story
 you want to read, and
 come talk about it with us!
 See you on **Thursday,**
Dec 19 @ 4pm



SAMMY SNAIL BY
LORELEI HOOKER

75 100
BOOKS
BEFORE
HIGH
SCHOOL
BEFORE
GRADUATION





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“at the library
 pool”
 “The YA space is so cozy now!”
 -Happy Teen

AFTER SCHOOL!



**WEEKDAYS
 2:30- 4:30
 IN THE UPSTAIRS
 KITCHEN**

DECEMBER

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<p>2 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p> <p>LEGO 2-4 PM MONDAYS</p>	<p>3 9 AM: SIT FIT 5:45 PM</p> <p>Season's READINGS at DPL</p>	<p>4 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p>  <p>12PM: BROWN BAG LUNCH @ GENEALOGY LIBRARY</p>	<p>5 9 AM: SIT FIT</p>  <p>THURSDAYS 10:30: BABY / TODDLER 11 AM: STORYTIME</p>	<p>6 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p>	<p>7 9 AM: SIT FIT</p>  <p>DPL IN THE CHRISTMAS PARADE @ 3 PM.</p>
<p>9 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p>  <p>MONDAYS @ 11 AM "LIVE-IT" WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAM</p>	<p>10 9 AM: SIT FIT</p> <p>TUESDAYS @ 10am DALC ESL Tutoring 580-736-1170</p> <p>TOPS TUESDAYS @ 5:15PM ANNEX</p>	<p>11 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p>	<p>12 9 AM: SIT FIT</p> <p>TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 3 & 4 PM MINECRAFT</p>  <p>5:30: CAIN'S JAWBONE BOOK CLUB</p>	<p>13 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p>  <p>TRIVIA NIGHT</p> <p>7:00 DOCTOR WHO TRIVIA @ MERLIN'S MAGIC MARKET</p>	<p>14 9 AM: SIT FIT</p> <p>10 AM: Cookie Decorating AT DPL</p> 
<p>16</p>  <p>5:30 PM: CUB SCOUT RECRUITMENT!</p>	<p>17 9 AM: SIT FIT</p> <p>3:30PM TUESDAYS ADULT WRITER'S</p> <p>TEEN WRITING BUDDIES TUESDAYS @ 4PM AGES 12-18</p>	<p>18 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p>  <p>KIDS CODING WEDNESDAYS 3PM AGES 6-15</p>	<p>19 9 AM: SIT FIT 4PM HORA DEL CUENTO</p> <p>CLOSED 11 AM - 1 PM</p> <p>4 pm: Teen Reads & Teen Advisory Board</p>	<p>20 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p>  <p>2:30 KITCHEN TRAVELS: WARM DRINKS AND HOLIDAY CHEER</p>	<p>21 9 AM: SIT FIT</p> <p>STRING THEORY SATURDAYS 1PM: LEARN TO KNIT AND CROCHET</p>
<p>23 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p>	<p>24 25</p> <p>CLOSED</p> <p>happy holidays</p> 		<p>26 9 AM: SIT FIT</p> <p>PAJAMA DAY</p> 	<p>27 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p>	<p>28 9 AM: SIT FIT</p> <p>2ND & 4TH SATURDAYS @ 11 AM: PHOTO CLUB</p>
<p>30 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p> <p>MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS DALC COMPUTER CLASSES @ 10 AM COMPUTER LAB</p>	<p>31</p> <p>sorry, we are closed</p> <p>HAPPY 2025 new year</p> 		<p>HOT COCOA BAR EVERY THURSDAY IN THE KITCHEN</p> 		