



OFF THE SHELF

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100 YEARS OF THE DUNCAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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1921 Library Rewind

A Call For Books

On January 6, 1921, we ran an ad in the Duncan Weekly Eagle proclaiming "Duncan Public Library belongs to you!" (It totally does, by the way.) We also asked for your help getting started with book donations.

We asked for 54 titles, specifically, and while we don't know how many titles the library actually received, we do know that you can still access every single one of those books either through the library or Project Gutenberg. That list of 54 titles acts as a time capsule, letting us know which books the Library Board and the first librarian, Mrs. Mary D Browder, thought were essential at the time.

You'll notice the list (on page 2) contains books by notable authors such as Mark Twain, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Louisa May Alcott. We asked for a variety of classic tales such as Arabian Nights and Shakespeare's works. Children could read The Blue Fairy Book and The Red Fairy Book by Andrew Lang as well as Aesop's Fables. Those concerned with action or adventure might have reached for James Fenimore Cooper's The Spy or Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson. Those who sought romance might read The Little Minister;



Taken from The Duncan Banner 12-31-1920, front page.

just as mystery lovers surely devoured The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes. We asked for amazing best sellers and works hailed by Publishers Weekly as "a superbly human story told by a genius." One work in particular, Romana by Helen Hunt Jackson, became the second most influential ethical novel of the 19th century, and the play based on her work is performed every year in California. Sadly, many of the works on this list do not hold up to the passage of time. We have to acknowledge that many things have changed, and considering what was once acceptable, we are grateful for that change. Several books that we requested in 1921 have not held up because of their depictions of various people and places in the world. As the library moves into its 100th year, we have the opportunity to look back at our past with fresh eyes, seeing where we have been and where we are going.

-JESSICA

Social Media to Have Retro Posts



While the ads are created by us, the newspapers are real!

Zoom in to read snippets of actual articles that were printed in The Duncan Eagle and The Duncan Banner in 1920 and 1921! If you would like to read more, see Kristi at the Genealogy Library or visit The Gateway to Oklahoma History! (Link in bio). Watch out for them, and interact to let us know you see and enjoy reading them!

Find us on Facebook, Instagram, Tumblr, Pinterest, & Google

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1921 Trivia

The price of a hardback book has stayed consistent for almost 100 years! In 1925, The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald cost \$2. Adjusted for inflation, that has the purchasing power of \$26.18 in 2012 and \$29.74 in 2020. Most hardbacks now retail for between \$26 to \$30.

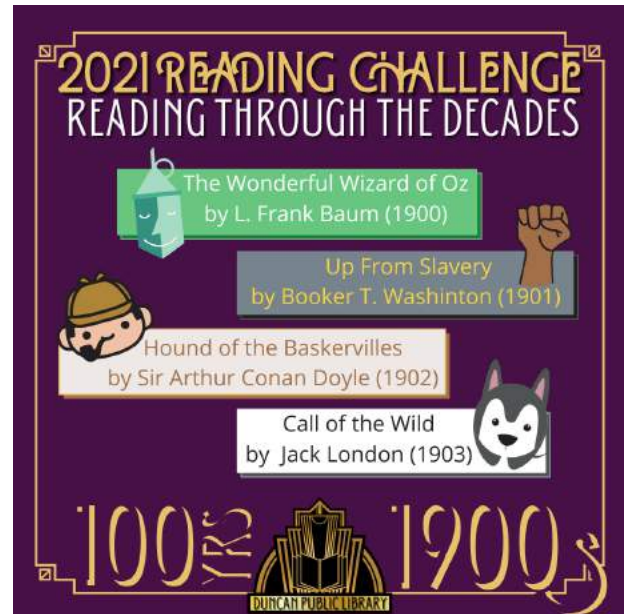
NEW TITLES THIS MONTH!

These titles may be released in January, along with many others. Place a hold on them when they appear on our website! If you don't see the book you want listed, fill out a request at the desk or online under Ask A Librarian!

Endless Mercy	Peterson, Tracie
Before She Disappeared	Gardner, Lisa
The Gates of Athens	Iggulden, Conn
Murder at Mabel's Motel	Mckevett, G.A.
The Russian	Patterson, James
The Paradise Affair	Pronzini, Bill
Pianos and Flowers : Brief Encounters of the Romantic Kind	McCall Smith, Alexander
The Scorpion's Tail	Preston, Douglas
Twenty	Grippando, James
All the Colors of Night	Krentz, Jayne Ann
Neighbors	Steel, Danielle
Out of Hounds	Brown, Rita Mae
The Lost Boys	Kellerman, Faye

2021 READING CHALLENGE

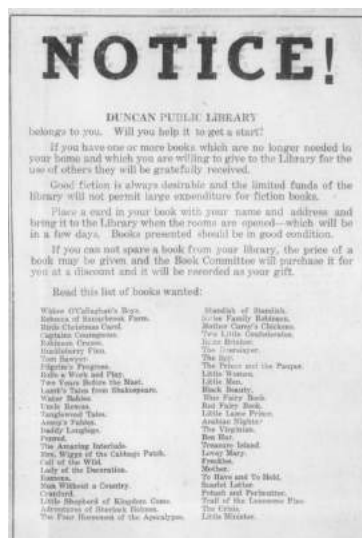
In 2021, we are asking you to read a title published in each decade beginning with the 1900s—12 titles in all! We will be sharing some suggestions on our social media, and we will link to LitHub's lists of the best books from each decade on our website. Feel free to ask us for suggestions if you get stuck. Happy Reading!



LIST OF TITLES THE LIBRARY CALLED FOR IN 1921

Widow O'Callaghan's Boys
 Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm
 Birds' Christmas Carols
 Captains Courageous
 Robinson Crusoe
 Huckleberry Finn
 Tom Sawyer
 Pilgrim's Progress
 Rollo a Work and Play
 Two Years Before the Mast
 Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare
 Water Babies
 Uncle Remus
 Tanglewood Tales
 Aesop's Tales
 Daddy Longlegs
 Penrod
 The Amazing Interlude
 Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch
 Call of the Wild
 Lady of the Decoration
 Ramona
 Man Without a Country

Cranford
 The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come
 Adventures of Sherlock Holmes



The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse
 Standish of Standish
 Swiss Family Robinson
 Mother Carey's Chickens
 Two Little Confederates

Hans Brinker
 The Spy
 The Prince and The Pauper
 Little Women
 Little Men
 The Deerslayer
 Black Beauty
 Blue Fairy Book
 Red Fairy Book
 Little Lame Prince
 Arabian Nights
 The Virginian
 Ben Hur
 Treasure Island
 Lovey Mary
 Freckles
 Mother
 To Have and To Hold
 Scarlet Letter
 Potash and Perlmutter
 Trail of the Lonesome Pine
 The Crisis
 Little Minister

Quite a few titles are available on Project Gutenberg.org check our website for direct links for each title!



DPL Programs, Perks, & Picks

STORYTIME

Every Thursday
10:30 to 11:15am

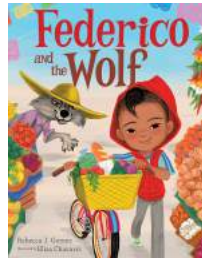


Currently open to all ages. Masks required for 3yrs and older per Miss Darbie.

MISS DARBIE'S PICKS

Federico and the Wolf by Rebecca J. Gomez

Miss Darbie loves this new and funny Mexican-American take on the tale of Little Red Riding Hood.



CURBSIDE SERVICES

Although the library's doors are open, staff will happily provide curbside services. Use it for print jobs, faxes, or holds pick-up! After placing a hold, you will be notified that it is ready to pick-up. Call when you arrive, and will bring it out to you. Curbside is available weekdays from 9:30am to 6pm.



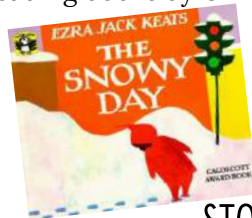
Did you get (or give) a new Nintendo Switch for Christmas? You don't have to buy a bunch of games right away. We've got a robust selection of Switch games available for checkout now. Try Commandos 2, Hyrule Warriors, Just Dance 2021, Kingdom Hearts: Melody of Memory, and more! Two-week checkouts for all games.

GENEALOGY LIBRARY

M & T 9a-1p W & Th 9a-2p
301 N 8th St. Duncan, OK 73533
580-255-8718 admin@scgslib.com
January's Brown Bag Lunch is *Planning Your 2021 Genealogy Research* Kristi has some handouts that will help you reach your research goals **January 6th @ 12pm. Zoom option available!**

KRISTI'S CORNER

I read 3 books last week: *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley, and *Dance Away with Me* by Susan Elizabeth Phillips both quick, very enjoyable reads and totally different from each other. The first was a suspense and the second is one of my favorite authors who does wonderful contemporary romance. The third book was historical fiction, Jennifer Robson's 1st in a trilogy, *Somewhere In France*. It is set during WWI. Jennifer Robson is a fantastic author, and I highly recommend any of her books. Currently, I am almost finished with Christina Lauren's book, *Roomies* which is contemporary fiction that is light and frivolous, but this is the reason I enjoy reading books by Christina Lauren!



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY STORYWALK®

This fall, we completed our new StoryWalk®! The book on display was *Going to the Dentist* by Mercer Mayer. As you walked along the sidewalk, you could read the story of Little Monster's visit to the dentist, then you could come inside and get a free goody bag of dental supplies provided by the Southwest Dental Association. Thanks to our Friends group and our sponsors for getting this StoryWalk® off the ground. Now that we've learned how to take care of it and best use it, we are ready for a second book: *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats. This beloved classic will be displayed in our StoryWalk® throughout winter. Bring your kids and grandkids out to stroll the sidewalk, read a story, and perform the little physical and mental exercises on the pages. Then come inside for free goody bag!



KEEPING TABS

DPL needs a Teen Advisory Board! We currently have a Google Classroom where DPL TAB can meet virtually. For those in NJHS, get credit for TAB! Anyone who is interested should ask for Misty!

DISCOVERING DATABASES

Explore the World with Explora!



Explora is a wonderful set of databases that lets users of all ages do in-depth research for school and recreation! When you visit the "educational databases" tab on our website, you will find three options: Explora Elementary, Explora Secondary Schools, and Explora High School. Each selection has a front page curated for each age range with cool pictures and subjects. You can start your research there. Each curated subject has a topic overview to get you started! On the side you find helpful filters that limit the age of the articles and where they come from. Once you've gotten started, try your own search terms in the search box above. No luck? Take a look at the other Explora databases! Each one has its own unique set of information. Let's get exploring!

RICH THE TECH HELP GUY





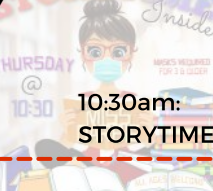

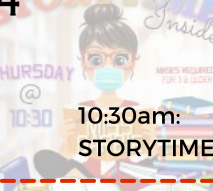

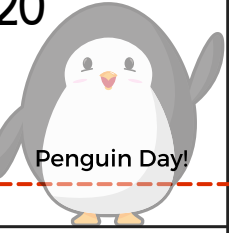
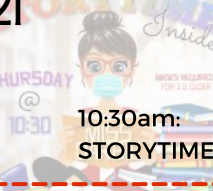

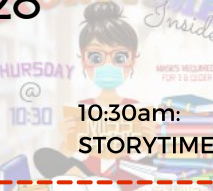

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FACE COVERING SHOULD BE WORN TO ENTER 		Thank You! POLICY OF THE CITY OF DUNCAN, OKLAHOMA RESOLUTION No. 1706 EFFECTIVE 12/21/2020 – 02/28/2021				
3	4 EVERY WEEKDAY 2:30pm -4:30pm Chickasaw Food Program (Back Building)	5	6 12pm: Genealogy Library BROWN BAG LUNCH: Making a Plan 	7 10:30am: STORYTIME 	8	9
10	11 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Jessica! 	12 TUESDAYS DLC ESL Tutoring Contact Nancy Litsch for details 580-736-1170	13	14 10:30am: STORYTIME 	15	16
17 MLK Day 	18	19	20 Penguin Day! 	21 10:30am: STORYTIME 	22	23
24	25	26 9:30am Library Board Meeting 	27	28 10:30am: STORYTIME 	29 Puzzle Day! 	30
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