



FINE FREE UPDATE	
Title	THE NUMBERS
Author	DPL
Due Date	Borrower's Name
This year, we were able to waive over \$500 in overdue fines that may have been keeping people from being able to use the library! We are so glad we can provide an opportunity to wipe the slate clean every February!	

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The month of March is Women's History Month. We want to encourage everyone to join in commemorating and celebrating the role that women have played throughout history, especially American History. Check out our displays of important women, their works, hardships, and words and links to resources this month!



LEARNING MORE @ THE LIBRARY!



Did you know that we have two different knitting and crochet classes that we offer at the library? On Fridays at 2 pm, come **Sit n' Knit** with Jean McDowell. Her classes are for beginners and she has kits for purchase that will help you begin your first project. On Saturdays at 1 pm, Karen Page from Lone Ewe Fibers is here to help you learn about all things yarn during **String Theory**. From steering sheep to knitting a sweater, Karen can help you begin for the first time, or to continue your journey. Both classes are free to all, so come check them out!

MARIO KART SPRING BREAK!

Do you have a need for speed? Sign up for our first-ever Mario Kart Tournament! Open to ages 6 and up, participants can compete in their age bracket for a Mario-themed prize and bragging rights! We will hold the competition each day during Spring Break, with different ages racing on different days. Please make sure to sign up ahead of time starting **Monday, March 4th**. Participants do not need to bring their own switch or game; we've got it covered!

Monday, March 18 @ 2:30: 6-8 years old
Tuesday, March 19 @ 2:30: 9-11 years old
Wednesday, March 20 @ 2:30 - 12-14 years old
Thursday, March 21st @ 2:30: 15-18 years old
Friday, March 22nd @ 2:30: 19+ years old



If you have any questions, please call 580-255-0636 and ask for Jessica!



NOW AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY!

2025 SEQUOYAHS!

The Oklahoma Library Association has released its 2025 Sequoyah Reading Lists (to be read throughout 2024). Each list is created to appeal to children in a variety of situations, interests and reading levels. Children's and YA staff are in the process of making sure all of these titles are accessible at the library, so be sure to look for them as we get them cataloged. While not every title may be for your reader, these books are ones that the committees felt were worthy of reading for children and teens who are interested in the topics they cover!



ARABIC

These books scheduled to be released this month and are listed in order of expected arrival at the library.

<i>Letters of Wisdom</i>	.....	Brunstetter, Wanda E.
<i>Perfect Oppportunity</i>	.....	Havill, Steven
<i>Never Too Late</i>	.....	Steel, Danielle
<i>A Love Discovered</i>	.....	Peterson, Tracie
<i>Still See You Everywhere</i>	.....	Gardner, Lisa
<i>The #1 Lawyer</i>	.....	Patterson, James
<i>The Wild Side</i>	.....	Michaels, Fern
<i>The Truth About the Devlins</i>	.....	Scottoline, Lisa
<i>Kill Me Tomorrow</i>	.....	Johnstone, William W.

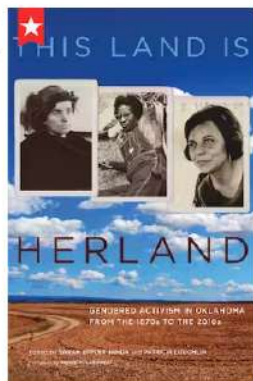
ILL staff will search other libraries for the items we could not add to our collection and have them shipped to us for a fee!

Fill out the form online or at circulation!

THE FOL FILES...



The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Duncan Public Library will be on March 5th at 5:30 PM in the Library's annex building. The Friends provide the funds for all of the library's programs and many other favorite features like the digital sign! Patrons can join the Friends for only \$10 a year which provides awesome benefits and creates a positive impact on the whole community. To learn more, please join us at the annual meeting! After the meeting, stick around for our keynote event: a discussion of ***This Land is Herland***. Women have always been a part of Oklahoma's history and this book delves into the stories of thirteen history-changing women from 1870 to the present day. Come talk with Heather Clemmer, Sarah Eppler Janda, and Patricia Loughlin about three important women that have shaped Oklahoma as we know it!



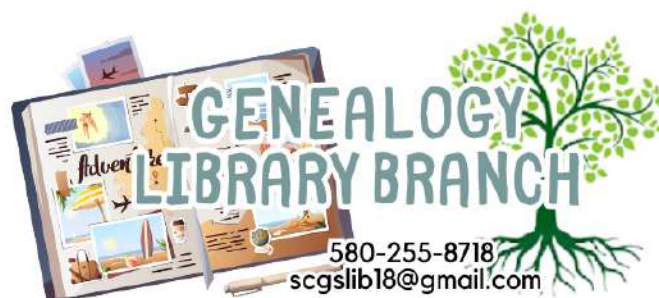
OUTREACH...



It's a big month for Outreach at the Duncan Public Library! We'll be at Jitters Coffee House on **Friday, March 15th for Gilmore Girls Trivia!** How much do you know about the Gilmores and Stars Hollow? For those who can donate, the **Oklahoma Blood Institute** will be here on **Wednesday, March 20th from 11:00 to 2:00** for a Bloodmobile Blood Drive! Finally, Jessica will be at the Chisholm Mall on **Saturday, March 23rd** for their Eggstravaganza event! Come play **Keepy Uppy** with us from 12:00 to 6:00. Get in touch with us at dploutreach@duncanok.gov if you have any questions about our outreach program, have a suggestion for outreach, or would like to partner with us!

KRISTI'S CORNER

I think every reader has a criteria for what they read. It can be by author, genre, or mood. I employ all of these when I pick a book, and the two books I am going to review were chosen because of their synopsis. *Divine Rivals* and *Ruthless Vows* by Rebecca Ross were listed as *The Enchanted Letters Duology* and it was for this reason that I picked them up. Set some time in the past during a time of war-shattering loss (think World War I), Iris E. Winnow and Roman C. Kitt are rivals at the local newspaper for a columnist position. Iris has just lost her brother to the war, and her mother has died; in desperation, she writes letters to her missing brother, sliding them into her wardrobe. One day, she receives a letter back—but not from her brother. And a mysterious relationship continues from there. These two books discuss loss, love, and those left behind. I love Iris and Roman, who become more than rivals through shared hardships and loss. But what brought them together was their beautifully written words. I read an online criticism of these books that stated that the two characters being in their teens would not have had the presence of mind or emotional maturity to survive in the way they did. And totally I disagree with that assessment. The critic who wrote that statement actually loved the books, and this was their only criticism. But I think extreme circumstances such as war bring out levels of emotions in all who are involved—particularly the young. Iris and Roman are wonderful characters and reading *Divine Rivals* will certainly inspire you to read *Ruthless Vows*. They are equally as good, but I think I liked *Ruthless Vows* just a little more. And that's unusual for a sequel. These are magical books not only in their content but in Ross's writing. These are designated as Young Adult Fiction, but I can honestly say that this should not be seen as a limitation because they are great reads for any age.



Corner of 8th and Ash, Duncan, OK

BROWN BAG LUNCH: HOW WE CAME TO OKLAHOMA MARCH 6TH @ 12 PM

Let's talk about how we got to the Sooner state! Join us and add your family's story to the discussion!



Next
MONTH

APRIL 3RD BROWN BAG: DNA VISUALIZATION W/ JAN COLE

THIS LAND IS HERLAND

A PANEL DISCUSSION BY AUTHORS

Visit the Duncan Public Library for a panel discussion of *This Land is Herland*. Women have always been a part of Oklahoma's history and this book delves into the stories of thirteen history-changing women from 1870 to the present day.

Come talk with Heather Clemmer, Sarah Eppler Janda, and Patricia Loughlin about three important women that have shaped Oklahoma as we know it!



Heather Clemmer

Southern Nazarene University



Sarah Eppler Janda

Cameron University



Patricia Loughlin

University of Central Oklahoma



FRIENDS OF THE DUNCAN PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL MEETING

The Friends of the Duncan Public Library's Annual Meeting will be held before the featured panel discussion. The Friends provide the funds and support for all of the library's programs and many of our favorite features like the pergola! Patrons can join the Friends for \$10 a year which provides awesome benefits and creates a positive impact on the whole community. To learn more, please join us at the annual meeting on **Tuesday, March 5th at 5:30 PM** at the Duncan Public Library annex building.



DISCUSSION TOPICS

- “My Heart Had Been Burdened for the Orphaned and Homeless Children”: Religious Imperative and Maternalism in the Work of Mattie Mallory” - Heather Clemmer
- “To Speak so Forthrightly as to Offend”: The Civil Rights Activism and Confinement of Rosalyn ‘Rosie’ Coleman Gilchrist” - Sarah Eppler Janda
- “My Children Are More Important to Me than Any Office I Might Hold”: Mary Fallin's Use of Motherhood as a Conservative Political Strategy” - Patricia Loughlin

THANK YOU TO THE FRIENDS OF THE DUNCAN PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR SUPPORTING PROGRAMS LIKE THESE!

6:00 - 7:00 PM

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Let's Talk About It

A PROGRAM OF OKLAHOMA HUMANITIES

BOOK DISCUSSION

Hiaasen's past as an investigative reporter shines through in *Native Tongue*! What will happen when Joe Winder—disgraced reporter—discovers that the theft of a pair of rare blue-tongued mango voles (and the voles themselves) are not what they seem? With unlikely allies in a former governor of Florida who goes by Skink and a radical elderly environmental group, Winder is determined to get to the bottom of it.

To borrow a copy of *Native Tongue* by Carl Hiaasen, visit the Duncan Public Library! For those interested in ebooks, you can also borrow a copy through our reading app Libby, and there is an e-audiobook on Hoopla!

Questions? Call 580-255-0636 and ask for Jessica.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER



Dr. John G. Morris, Professor of English at Cameron University, is a veteran of Let's Talk About It, Oklahoma discussion groups starting in 2005; the session about Carl Hiaasen's novel *Native Tongue* will be his thirty-second. Since coming to Cameron in 1988 after earning his doctorate at Arizona State University, he has taught freshman English, American literature, film, and creative writing—poetry.

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NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Carl Hiaasen



NATIVE TONGUE

"RIPS, ZIPS, HURTLES, KEEPING US TURNING THE PAGES AT
BREAKFINGER PACE."—*New York Times Book Review*

"New Yorkers," said
Jim Tile, "think
they've cornered
the market on
psychopaths. They
don't know
Florida."



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PROGRAMS & PICKS



Baby/Toddler Time:
Thursdays @ 10:30 am
Storytime with Miss Darbie:
Thursdays @ 11 am

Our Bilingual FOL
StoryWalk® features
Nosotros Means Us by Paloma
Valdivia; come check it out!



Looking to play some
Tabletop RPG? Stop by the
back building every Saturday
at 10 am!

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



Tai-Chi Mon, Wed & Fri @ 10am:
For Seniors to improve their balance.
Sit-Fit Tue, Thu, & Sat @ 9 am:
Low impact fitness.
Adult Beginners: March 28th @ 4 pm

Tues & Thurs Minecraft!
For ages 6 -15.
at 3 and 4 pm!
NO SIGN UP REQUIRED



Kitchen Travels! Join us in
exploring food from around the
world! We're visiting Japan on
March 15 at 2:30 with a Ramen bar!

Come to the Library on
Saturdays at 1 pm to learn how
to do all the thing you can do
with yarn with Karen Page!

**STRING
THEORY**



On **Thursday, March 21st**,
Miss Sacha will host Spanish
Storytime! Come to **Hora Del
Cuento** at 2:30 pm upstairs!



Join DPL at Jitters for
Gilmore Girls Trivia on
Friday, March 15th at 7:00
pm! See you there!

Fridays @ 2pm: Sit & Knit is back!
Jean McDowell will teach a class
for **BEGINNERS**, and kits can be
purchased from her for \$10



Miss Darbie will have
Legos out for the kids
from 3-5 pm every
Tuesday!

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**

Coding for Kids is a new program
every Wednesdays at either 3 or 4
PM. Mr. Rich will be using Scratch
to teach kids ages 6-15 to code.

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



Tuesday, March 12 @ 4 pm, join
Sacha in the kitchen to learn
about filling your plate for a
delicious and healthy meal!



**Marie Detty's Group
Connections** program will take
place **Monday, March 18th @
2:30 pm** in the kitchen.

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



MISS DARBIE'S MARCH PICK

Thanks to FOL, we have Tonie Box
Kits you can Checkout!



T.A.B.
Teens will meet on Saturday,
March 2nd @ 11 am.

TEEN READS

Since the library is closed the last Saturday
of March, Teen Reads will take place on
Saturday, March 23rd at 11 am. Topic to be
announced at a later date.

TEEN MYSTERY MARCH!

During Spring Break (March 15-22)
There will be activities and crafts for
teens 12-18 that will include mysteries
to solve and movies to watch:

F/15: Kitchen Travels: Japan
@ 2:30 pm

M/18: Mystery Movie @ 2 pm

T/19: Mystery Movie @ 2 pm
Teen Writers @ 4 pm

W/20: Blood Drive @ 11-2 pm
Mario ages 12-14 @ 2:30

TH/21: Mario ages 15-18 @ 2:30
Teen Art @ 4 pm

F/22: Mystery Solving game
@ 2 pm

S/23: Teen Reads @ 11 am
String Theory @ 1 pm

TEEN COMIC SPACE! BY LORELEI HOOKER



This group is for younger
writers who want to
encourage each other to
express themselves
through their writing. Teen
led, this group is a for
those age 12-18 and takes
place Tuesdays @ 4 pm.

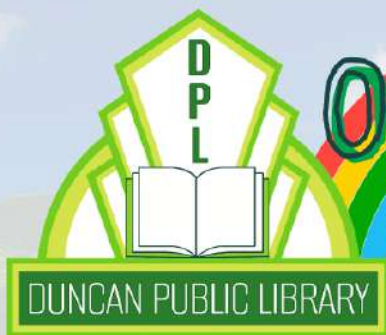


This group is for teens ages
12-18 and will meet in the
kitchen on Thursdays at
4pm! There will be guest
instructors brought in
when possible.



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“at the library
 “I just want to sit
 with the books!”
 -overheard in the stacks



KITCHEN WEEKDAYS
AFTER SCHOOL! 2:30 - 5pm

MARCH

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

 TUESDAYS @ 5:15PM ANNEX 3:30PM TEEN WRITING BUDDIES TUESDAYS @ 4PM ADULT WRITER'S	 TUESDAYS @ 10am DALC ESL Tutoring 580-736-1170	 THURSDAYS: 10:30: BABY/TODDLER TIME 11 AM: STORYTIME	1 10 AM: TAI-CHI FRIDAYS @ 2 PM: BEGINNERS SIT & KNIT	2 9 AM: SIT FIT 10 AM: BOARD GAMES FOR ALL AGES IN ANNEX 11 AM: TAB MEETING
4 10 AM: TAI-CHI MONDAYS @ 11 AM "LIVE-IT" WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAM	5 9 AM: SIT FIT 5:30 PM FOL ANNUAL MEETING	6 10 AM: TAI-CHI 12PM BROWN BAG @ GEN LIB: HOW WE GOT TO OKLAHOMA	7 9 AM: SIT FIT FORTEENS THURSDAYS @ 4pm Ages 12-18	8 10 AM: TAI-CHI SATURDAYS 2ND & 4TH @ 10 AM: SATURDAYS TABLE TOP @ 11 AM: GAMING PHOTO CLUB
11 10 AM: TAI-CHI 4PM HEALTHY EATING W/ SACHA	12 9 AM: SIT FIT SAFE CENTER @ 3:30 4PM HEALTHY EATING W/ SACHA	13 10 AM: TAI-CHI 6 PM: NATIVE TONGUE BY CARL HIAASEN	14 9 AM: SIT FIT 2:30: KITCHEN TRAVELS: JAPAN JITTERS @ 7PM	16 9 AM: SIT FIT SATURDAYS 1PM: LEARN TO KNIT AND CROCHET
18 2 PM: TEEN MYSTERY MOVIE 2:30: MARIO KART AGES 6-8 2:30 PM: Marie Delty GROUP CONNECTIONS	19 9 AM: SIT FIT 2 PM: TEEN MYSTERY MOVIE 2:30: MARIO KART AGES 9-11 4 PM: FOSTER CARE FACTS	20 10 AM: TAI-CHI 11-2 PM: BLOOD DRIVE 2:30: MARIO KART AGES 12-14	21 9 AM: SIT FIT 2:30: MARIO KART AGES 15-18 2:30: HORA DEL QUENTO	22 10 AM: TAI-CHI 2 PM: TEEN MYSTERY ESCAPE GAME 2:30: MARIO KART AGES 19+
25 10 AM: TAI-CHI MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS DALC COMPUTER CLASSES @ 10 AM COMPUTER LAB	26 9 AM: SIT FIT LIBRARY LEGO TUESDAYS	27 10 AM: TAI-CHI KIDS CODING WEDNESDAYS 3&4PM | AGES 6-15	28 9 AM: SIT FIT TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 3 & 4 PM MINECRAFT 4 PM: ADULT BEGINNERS FITNESS	29 Closed 30 Closed

Check our social media and website for weekly updates and possible addition, cancelations, or other changes!