

# Off The Shelf

## COMING SOON TO YOUR LIBRARY!

There are many things libraries provide their community, and we have actually been at the forefront of some of those things (we had cake pans well before most other libraries!) But there are a few things that staff have had on a wishlist to be able to provide to you, and now that we have updated the technology available to you while at the library, we are so happy to announce that we will soon have WiFi Hotspots available for checkout so that you still have access to the internet when you leave the library! Look for them after the new year!



## DECEMBER PROGRAMS!



**Every Thursday in December and January:** Hot Chocolate Bar in the Kitchen. There will be hot chocolate, marshmallows, sprinkles, and more!

**Saturday, December 2nd @ 3 pm:** Library at Main Street Christmas Parade as the 12 Days of Ugly Christmas Sweaters. Come see our homemade sweaters!

**Thursday, December 7th:** Holiday Baby/Toddler Time and Story Time with Ms. Darbie in the children's area at 10:30 and 11 am respectively.

**Saturday, December 9th @ 10 am:** Stop by the library to decorate cookies with Ms. Darbie in the Kitchen until 1 pm.

**Saturday, December 9th @ 12 - 8 pm:** Ms. Jessica will be at the Chisholm Mall's Deck the Halls event in Suite 33 showing interactive movies and playing games!

**Wednesday, December 20th and 27th @ 2:30 - 5 pm:** Ms. Jessica will be in the kitchen during the Afterschool Program for Winter-Themed STEM activities!

**Friday, December 22nd and 29th:** Ms. Jessica will be in the children's area all-day long for a marathon of seasonal children's and family movies! Drop in at any time for fun movies and yummy hot chocolate.

## Angel Tree For Safe Center

Let's get in the giving mood! When you visit the library for the next few weeks, there will be an Angel Tree for Safe Center next to the elevator on the first floor. You will find Christmas ornaments with different supplies needed by Safe Center. You can take an ornament from the tree and return it with that supply to the library to be donated!



## Light Up the Library!

Keep your eyes peeled for our lighting announcement! We're excitedly awaiting the delivery of our GIANT seasonal display to pull out all the stops on our holiday lighting with a food drive, a Kiwanis tree, and more! As soon as we know more, we will be posting updates on our Facebook, Instagram, and website.



## LOUD@THE LIBRARY

"If you had a nickel for every time this happened, you'd have two nickels! Which isn't a lot, but it's weird it happened twice"

Quotes overheard at the library or at library events!

# NEW RELEASES...

Just a few DECEMBER releases to look forward to! You can also fill out a request for ones you think we should get at the circulation desk or online under *Ask A Librarian!*

|       |                             |                          |
|-------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| EARLY | <i>The Wonder of it All</i> | Bradford, Barbara Taylor |
|       | <i>Manner of Death</i>      | Cook, Robin              |
| LATE  | <i>Vlademar</i>             | Lackey, Mercedes         |
|       | <i>Lone Oaks Crossing</i>   | Dailey, Janet            |

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 Friends of the Duncan Public Library help us shine! And with their generosity, we will soon have a large holiday display to make us shine even brighter! If you would like to be a Library Friend, it costs \$10 a year, and that year begins the moment you sign up! You get extra and longer checkouts as a friend, and you do not have to attend any meetings unless you would like to be on the board so that you can help decide all the ways you can help the library shine!

# OUTREACH...

We're looking for outreach partners and opportunities for 2024! 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](mailto:dploutreach@duncanok.gov) to find out all the ways that you can get involved with the Duncan Public Library!

Keep your eyes peeled for us throughout December and into the new year! The library will be in the Christmas Parade as the 12 Days of Ugly Christmas Sweaters on **Saturday, December 2nd**. After you've finished decorating cookies with Ms. Darbie on **Saturday, December 9th**, consider stopping by the Chisholm Mall for the Deck the Halls event! Jessica will be in Suite 33 presenting Interactive Movies of Elf, Frozen, and A Christmas Story with activities for the kids in between. And the Marie Detty Foundation will be back on **Monday, December 18th from 2:30 - 5:00** with a program called Gift of Confidence during our Afterschool program. The Marie Detty Foundation will be presenting one Group Connections program each month during our Afterschool Program!

2024 begins our year of adventure! I look forward to more trivia events, amazing speakers, and pop-up libraries around Duncan! Thank you all for an amazing year!

# KRISTI'S CORNER...

I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving. Now, on to Christmas. I have some audiobook recommendations for those of you who may be traveling this holiday season. First, the *Longmire Defense* by Craig Johnson is excellent in both book and audio form. Next, any of the Bosch series by Michael Connelly—read by Titus Welliver, the actor who plays Bosch on the Amazon series—and I have it on good authority these are all fantastic. I read some great books in 2023. Some of my favorites are Katherine Reay's *A Shadow in Moscow*, Daniel Silva's *The Collector*, Ashley Poston's *The Seven Year Slip*, both *Fairytale* and *Holly* by Stephen King, Jennifer Lynn Barnes's *The Fixer* and *The Long Game*, Kerri Maniscalco's *The Throne of the Fallen*, Rhys Bowen's *Peril in Paris*, Julie McElwain's *Ripples in Time*, and finally, all of C.J. Archer's books which are full of both magic and history. I tried to throw in a smattering of different genres so there would be something for everyone. I also reread quite a few books this year like Leigh Bardugo's *Ninth House* in preparation for her new book *Hell Bent*, both of which I enjoyed. I know many don't like to reread books, but I always go back to authors or books that are comforting especially when I am in a reading slump. I can honestly say that I did have too many slumps this year. There were a lot of good books published, and they all seem to come out in the fall, so the library has all kinds of reading and listening material. I am already looking forward to the new year; particularly the new Penn Cage book by Greg Iles which was pushed back to May 2024. It's called *Southern Man*, and the synopsis sounds wonderful! Steve Berry has a new Cotton Malone, *Atlas Maneuver*, coming in February 2024. I always like to have titles to look forward to and these are just a couple to look for. Until next time, Happy Christmas!

# 1,000 BOOKS 84 KINDERGARTEN

Do you have a little one who hasn't entered Kindergarten yet? Then consider picking up a 1000 Books Before Kindergarten kit! Reading early and often to kids is only to their benefit. Plus they can get cool prizes for each milestone that they reach! Want to learn more? Ask for a packet at the library's front desk or stop by Ms. Jessica's office for more information.



Have you been finishing your 2023 Book Yahtzee Reading Challenge? This is just a reminder to get that finished up and turned in by 2024!



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# Stephens County Genealogy Library MTW & Th 9a-2p

## THE RETURN OF...



### an SCGS Food-Tasting Fundraiser

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

The second annual SCGS fundraising event for the Genealogy Library will take place at the First United Methodist Church located at 2300 Country Club Rd., Duncan, Ok from 1 pm to 3 pm. Participants are again asked to donate and serve their specialty desserts to ticket holders. These desserts will be judged by a panel of judges, and those who are participating are welcome to enter items as individuals, friends or family teams, community organizations, businesses, or restaurants! Look for more info to be posted on our Social Media! Sign-up details, rules, and sign-up form can be picked up from either library (DPL or GenLib) in January.

For those who have not visited, the Stephens County Genealogy Library is a branch of the Duncan Public Library and is staffed by Kristi King 20 hours per week. The library holds a collection of over 10,000 items and vertical files. The primary focus is on Stephens County but there is information on not only all Oklahoma counties but almost every US state as well as international, genealogical information. It provides computers for public use and access to databases such as Ancestry.com and Fold 3. The library holds all available microfilm for *The Comanche Times*, *Duncan Banner*, *Duncan Eagle*, *The Marlow Review*, and various other short-lived, local papers. The library also has various telephone directories, yearbooks, and school records. The Memory Lab is also located in this library with equipment to help you convert all of your cherished memories from outdated formats into your own digital archive that can easily be shared and passed on to future generations. We have the equipment to convert VHS, Microfilm, 8mm and Super 8 film, files stored on 3.5 floppy disk, and a BookEdge scanner that will adjust to the thickness of your beloved heirloom scrapbooks and allow for the full page to lie flat while scanning! For more information, contact Kristi during her business hours or visit the Memory Lab's webpage: [www.scgslib.com/about/services/memory-lab](http://www.scgslib.com/about/services/memory-lab)

## 2024 BROWN BAG LUNCHES

January  
**3**

Organize Your Genealogy Research

February  
**7**

Using Marriage Books & Records

March  
**6**

How Did We End Up In Oklahoma?

April  
**3**

DNA Visualization w/ Jan Cole

May  
**1**

Exploring & Using Cemeteries as a Resource

June  
**6\***

Stephens County History Museum Crossover Event Led by Dir. Keith Colley (\*Thursday)

July  
**NO BROWN BAG**

NO BROWN BAG

August  
**7**

What Do You Do With Your Research?

September  
**4**

Using Legal Documents w/ Senator Anthony Sykes

NEXT BROWN BAG LUNCH

12 PM | WED,  
DEC 6TH

DUNCAN'S  
FIRST FAMILIES



October  
**8**

Annual Meeting of the SCGS w/ Special Guest Speaker TBD

November  
**6**

Family Memories & Traditions

December  
**4**

Open Discussion of Any and All Genealogy Topics!

# Cookie Decorating

AT



SATURDAY, DEC. 9 @ 10 AM

# MOVIES

AT  
THE  
MALL!



SATURDAY  
DEC 9, 12-8 PM  
@CHISHOLM MALL

Let's  
Talk  
About  
It

A PROGRAM OF OKLAHOMA HUMANITIES

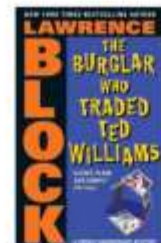
## Crime & Comedy:

The Lighter Side of Murder and Misdemeanor

The Duncan Public Library in partnership with Oklahoma Humanities will host Let's Talk About It! A series of book events centered around five amazing books presented by five amazing scholars at your favorite local library. Once the books have arrived, you can reserve a copy with the library to read before each book discussion. Delve into gripping mysteries as we explore Crime and Comedy: The Lighter Side of Murder and Misdemeanor!

Thursday, January 11th 6pm

*The Code of the Woosters*  
by PG Wodehouse with  
Dr. William Carney.



Thursday, February 8th 6 pm

*The Burglar Who Traded Ted Williams*  
by Lawrence Block with  
Dr. Margery Kingsley.

Thursday, March 14th 6pm

*Native Tongue* by Carl Hiaasen with Dr. John Morris.



Thursday, April 11th 6 pm

*Cozy: A Stanley Hastings Mystery*  
by Parnell Hall  
with Dr. Nyla Khan.

Thursday, May 9th 6pm

*One for the Money* by Janet Evanovich with  
Caroline Larsen.



# PROGRAMS & PICKS



December 7th at 10:30 and 11am will be the only **Baby/Toddler & Storytime** this month!

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**

**MISS DARBIE'S DECEMBER PICK**  
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Sleigh  
by Mo Willems

Our Bilingual **FOL StoryWalk®** features *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds; come check it out!



Kids can come in for Winter themed **STEM** events during our afterschool program on **Wednesdays the 20th & 27th!**



**Learn ASL @ DPL** will **not** meet until after the New Year. Please watch our socials or our online calender for more details



Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Sleigh!



words and pictures by mo willems



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.



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

**Tai-Chi** Mon, Wed & Fri @ 10am: For Seniors to improve their balance.  
**Sit-Fit** Tue & Thu @ 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**

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



**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.



**Spice of the Month Club!** Try a new ingredient every third Friday of the month. Grab the next spice on December 15.



**Photo Club** meets on Sat. the 9th. They will not meet on the 23rd. Call 580-721-0575 if you have questions.



HAVE A VOICE AT YOUR LIBRARY!

# TAB

(Teen Advisory Board)

Thursday, Dec. 7th @ 4pm



Teens will be making hot cocoa bombs, playing games, and having a book discussion!



**TEEN COMIC SPACE!**  
BY KIT LOVE



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.

**TEEN WRITING BUDDIES**



TAB has created a teen art club! We have the supplies in the art closet, and they want to use them! 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. Come do art!



Teens have chosen the book *The Summer I Turned Pretty* by Jenny Han. They have chosen to discuss the book at the December TAB Meeting/Party on Thursday, December 7th @ 4 pm!





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## DECEMBER

Find more information about programs & events on page 3!

MONDAY      TUESDAY      WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY      SATURDAY

Check our social media and website for weekly updates and possible additions or changes!

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|---|--|---|--|---|---|
|  <p><b>AFTER SCHOOL!</b><br/>WEEKDAYS 2:30 - 5pm</p>  | <p><b>3:30PM TUESDAYS ADULT WRITER'S GROUP BOARD ROOM</b></p>  | <p><b>TEEN WRITING BUDDIES</b></p>  <p><b>Bude's</b><br/>Tuesdays @ 4pm<br/>Ages 12-18</p> | <p><b>HOT COCOA BAR</b></p>  <p>EVERY THURSDAY</p>   | <p>10 AM TAI-CHI</p>  | <p>2</p> <p>3 pm Christmas Parade</p>   |
| <p>4 10 AM TAI-CHI</p>  <p>MONDAYS &amp; WEDNESDAYS DALC COMPUTER CLASSES @ 10 AM COMPUTER LAB</p>                  | <p>5 9 AM SIT-FIT</p>  <p>LIBRARY LEGO TUESDAYS</p>                           | <p>6 10 AM TAI-CHI</p>  <p>12PM BROWN BAG @ GEN LIB. DUNCAN'S FIRST FAMILIES</p>         | <p>7 9 AM SIT-FIT</p> <p>HOLIDAY Baby/Toddler @ 10:30am STORYTIME @ 11 AM!</p>  <p>4pm: TAB Party/Book Discussion</p> | <p>8 10 AM TAI-CHI</p>  | <p>9 11 AM PHOTO CLUB</p> <p>10 AM DECORATE COOKIES @ DPL MOVIES @ THE MALL 12-8 PM</p>  |
| <p>11 10 AM TAI-CHI</p>   | <p>12 9 AM SIT-FIT</p>  <p>TUESDAYS @ 10am DALC ESL Tutoring 580-736-1170</p> | <p>13 10 AM TAI-CHI</p>  <p>WEDNESDAYS 3:45PM   AGES 6-12</p>                            | <p>14 9 AM SIT-FIT</p> <p><b>Closed</b><br/>11 am to 1 pm for City Staff Party</p> <p>NO BABY/TODDLER OR STORYTIME</p>   | <p>15 10 AM TAI-CHI</p> <p>SPICE OF THE MONTH</p>                                  | <p>16</p>   |
| <p>18 10 AM TAI-CHI</p>  <p>Marie Detty: Gift of Confidence After School! check our social media for more info</p> | <p>19 9 AM SIT-FIT</p>  <p>TOPS TUESDAYS @ 5:15PM ANNEX</p>                   | <p>20 10 AM TAI-CHI</p>    | <p>21 9 AM SIT-FIT</p>  <p>FOR TEENS THURSDAYS @ 4pm Ages 12-18</p> <p>NO BABY/TODDLER OR STORYTIME</p>               | <p>22 10 AM TAI-CHI</p> <p>ALL DAY SEASONAL MOVIE MARATHON IN CHILDREN'S AREA</p>  | <p>23</p>  <p>STRING THEORY SATURDAYS @ 1 PM</p>   |
| <p>25</p>  <p><b>Closed</b></p>   | <p>26</p>   | <p>27 10 AM TAI-CHI</p>    | <p>28 9 AM SIT-FIT</p>  <p>TUESDAYS &amp; THURSDAYS 3 &amp; 4 PM MINECRAFT</p> <p>NO BABY/TODDLER OR STORYTIME</p>   | <p>29 10 AM TAI-CHI</p> <p>ALL DAY SEASONAL MOVIE MARATHON IN CHILDREN'S AREA</p>  | <p>30</p>  <p>SATURDAYS @ 10 AM</p>  |