

# OFF THE SHELF

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♥ LIBRARY LOVERS MONTH ♥



GAME ROOM  
stay-n-play@dpl

If you are reading this newsletter, chances are you are a library lover. But have you ever thought about what you love about the library? While we hope our friendly and helpful staff is a factor, we want you to take the time this month to consider all the things the library provides that make your life better. Whether it's stories in the books found on the shelves, the information from resources we provide online, or entertainment from programs that help our community learn and our children feel celebrated. The library is a place where everyone is welcome to get lost in a story or to find out more about themselves and each other. Share the love by letting others know how the library has enriched your world, and encourage them to love their library!

Thanks to Sony Interactive Entertainment and Emily Callahan, CEO of Feed the Children, the Friends of the Duncan Public Library received an amazing donation of a brand new PlayStation 5 and 11 new games! The Friends provided the gaming console and games to the Duncan Public Library so that we could add to our gaming room! Study Room 2 will remain a study room as well, but people can reserve the room to play games for a period of 2 hours, just like the study room reservations. All consoles and gaming equipment will be locked away until requested. All consoles and equipment must remain in the room at all times and cannot leave the premises. The console, other equipment, and the room must be reserved to be used. Games can be checked out like all other games. We are so grateful to our generous donors for the opportunity to grow our collections and services with this donation. We are excited to have another fun reason to bring kids and teens to the library!

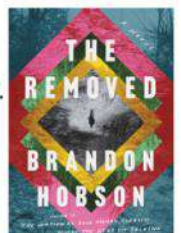
## Let's Talk About It February: *There There*

The Duncan Public Library welcomes you all to join us for a book discussion and a Taste of Kitchen Travels on **Thursday, February 13th at 5:30 pm** in the board room. We'll be discussing Tommy Orange's *There There* with Dr. Ken Hada, following a multigenerational cast of twelve characters in and around Oakland, California. Their lives, identities, and traumas intersect in various ways until they converge at the Big Oakland Powwow. Pick up a copy of this amazing read at the Duncan Public Library. Our Taste of Kitchen Travels this month is mouthwatering! We'll be sampling bison burgers inspired by the Cheyenne and Arapaho bison herd, made by Camelback Corner Smokehouse! Take a look to the right to see our next two books. We hope to see you there!

## NEXT LTAIO BOOKS:

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

*The Removed* by Brandon Hobson with Dr. Tracy Floreani.



**Thursday, Apr 10th 5:30 PM**

*Bad Indians* by Deborah A. Miranda with Dr. Margery Kingsley.

## Black History Month

February is Black History Month, and Black History is Oklahoma History! You can come in to find our displays of books that highlight Black authors and their stories, and you can also visit the Oklahoma Historical Society's page dedicated to resources on the Civil Rights movement in Oklahoma, Early Oklahoma and All-Black Towns, as well as Black Oklahomans who made incredible contributions to the arts, sports, and politics. There are teaching guides, audio and video as well as links to the archives of Oklahoma's Historic Black Newspapers. Visit [OKHISTORY.ORG/BLACKHISTORY](http://OKHISTORY.ORG/BLACKHISTORY) or scan the QR to find this page. Take the time this month to learn more about Black History in Oklahoma.



# ARRIVING SOON

These books are scheduled to be released this month.

<i>Paranoia</i> .....	Patterson, James
<i>Death of a Smuggler</i> .....	Beaton, M.C.
<i>The Witch of Whispervale</i> .....	Salvatore, R.A.
<i>Battle Mountain</i> .....	Box, C.J.
<i>Three Days in June</i> .....	Tyler, Anne
<i>We All Live Here</i> .....	Moyes, Jojo
<i>Bonded in Death</i> .....	Robb, J.D.
<i>Open Season</i> .....	Kellerman, Jonathan



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!

## 2025 Reading Challenge!



Read all the colors of the world for our 2025 Reading Challenge! February's color is **ORANGE**. Staff recommendations include *A Beautifully Foolish Endeavor* by Hank Green, *The Martian* by Andy Weir, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot, and *It's Not All Downhill from Here* by Terry McMillan.



## The FOL Files...

The Friends is excited to announce updates to the board room and kitchen areas soon. You can make a donation to the Friends of the Duncan Public Library to support these updates. With the matching grant from the McCasland Foundation, they have already raised about 66% of the goal! Next time you donate to the Friends, you can earmark your donation for the board room/kitchen project. Watch for fundraising projects coming up to help reach the rest of the goal! In addition, if you have been wanting to get involved with the library, you could be a Friends board officer! Contact the Friends at their email or Facebook page (FOLDuncan@gmail.com). Check out the insert for more information on the FOL Annual meeting, the Miss Millie program, and other wonderful things the Friends have provided our library!

## Outreach...



The Library will be returning to Kochendorfer Brewing Co for **Captain America Trivia on Friday, February 7th at 7 PM!** Keep your eyes peeled for **Miss Millie** news heading your way in the future, as well. And we're looking for outreach partners and opportunities for 2025! 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 DPL!

# KRISTI'S CORNER



Valentine's Day is this month so I am devoting this review to my favorite romance books. I have read these books many times, and while some were turned into movies that emphasized the love story plot such as *Dr. Zhivago*, I don't consider the book itself to be a love story. Some of these are historical romances such as Kathleen Woodiwiss's *Wolf and the Dove* or Rebecca Brandewyne's *Outlaw Hearts*. Both are excellent, though set in two radically different time periods. The first, during the Norman invasion of England in 1066, and the second after the American Civil War. Georgette Heyer's *These Old Shades* and *Devil's Cub* are about revenge and missing heirs set in England and France pre-French Revolution. Judith McNaught is one of my favorite authors. She has written both historical and modern romance. My favorite is *Once and Always*, but truly I have reread all of them. Finally, my favorite romance is Susan Elizabeth Phillips, *Kiss an Angel*. I have written that before in this column, but I will say it again. The love story is not the only reason I like this book. I love the characters! Daisy and Alex are a great couple, thrown together because of duty and circumstance. This has humor and passion. The supporting characters are wonderful—particularly the menagerie. This is my favorite go-to book when I am suffering from reading burnout. I'm sure everyone has that one book or author that they turn to when feeling this way. I think any of these books or authors will brighten your Valentine's Day. Until next time, so many books, so little time.

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**WED, FEB 5TH @ NOON:**  
**A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO GENEALOGY**  
**LEARN HOW TO START YOUR ANCESTRY JOURNEY**

**UPCOMING EVENTS** **2025**

- 2/22: Sweet Treats @ United Methodist 1-3pm
- 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

# February Fun!

<b>FINE FREE FEBRUARY</b>	
Title	Way Overdue
Author	Turnit, N.
Due Date	Borrower's Name
<b>PAST DUE</b>	Your Name

Did you find a library item that should have been turned in days, weeks, months, dare I say it, years ago?? Well don't worry, in honor of Library Lovers' Month, it's Fine Free February at DPL! So bring in all your items without worrying about paying a fine! This only applies to overdue fines; any collections fees or replacement costs for lost items cannot be waived.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND @ 1 PM**



## GENEALOGY LIBRARY FUNDRAISER AT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sign up to be a Baker/Maker, or come try tasty treats! Door prizes include 10 hours of free family research by Kristi at the Genealogy Library! You can find more information and participant sign-up forms for this annual fundraising event for the Stephens County Genealogy Society at both the Duncan Public Library and Genealogy Library!



## Blind Date With A Book

Are you in a rut? Maybe it's time to go on a blind date... with a book! Look for an amazing display of hidden titles, read the profiles, and take a chance on finding a match!

## Saturday, February 1st is Take Your Child to the Library Day!



Bring your little ones to visit us on Saturday, Feb. 1 and play! We will put out our costumes for kids so kids can pretend to be a doctor or a fireman for the day. These costumes are for Stay-n-Play and cannot be taken out of the library. Please make sure to return all costume pieces to the children's department or a staff member before leaving. We will also have color sheets out, and we encourage you to remember you can check out 30 items at a time. Perfect for avid readers and big families!



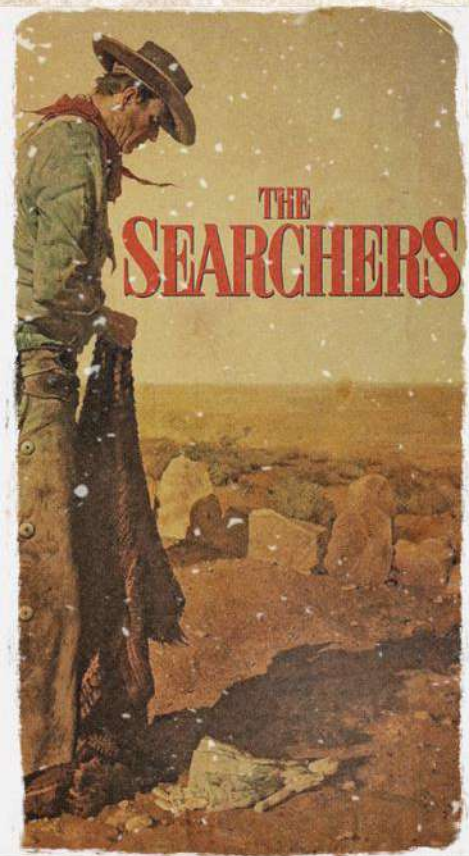
## SPICE OF THE MONTH!

Spice of the Month is back at Duncan Public Library! Stop by the library after the 21st for February's spice: Orange pepper and a recipe to match!



## Thursday, February 20th: Birthday Storytime!

The library will be hosting a special storytime to celebrate our 104th birthday! Storytime-age children will join Ms. Darbie for a book, some cupcakes, and activities at 11 am. Following storytime, everyone will gather in the main area for a special balloon drop!



## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL MEETING SPEAKER

# DR. JOHN HODGSON ON FRONTIER FILM AND FICTION: THE SEARCHERS BY ALAN LEMAY

**TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH**

**5:30 - FRIENDS MEETING**

**6:00 - SPEAKER**

**DUNCAN PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNEX**



## DUNCAN PUBLIC LIBRARY MISS MILLIE PROGRAM

The Friends of the Duncan Public Library and the Library staff are thrilled to announce that Miss Millie is back! Some patrons may recall the book delivery program began back in 1996 to serve patrons who could not make it to the library themselves. The program was named after library enthusiast Mildred Pace, the mother of Nancy Litsch, another library and literacy enthusiast that most of you probably know! The program has been defunct for close to twenty years now, but we've been seeing the need rising in the community again.

If you are someone (or know of someone) who is homebound, permanently or temporarily, please apply! We will try to match your needs with a volunteer who can help bring and pickup library materials. Those needing the service can apply online, over the phone, by mail, or in person for either book delivery or a pick-up service for long or short term need.

The library is also seeking volunteers to help deliver books all over town! This can be a great opportunity to build connections within the community, to meet new people, and give back to other library lovers. Apply online or in person!

**CALL US TO  
APPLY OR  
VOLUNTEER  
TODAY!**

# PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

**baby toddler time**  
10:30 am Thursdays  
Lap-sit program for those under 3!

**STORYTIME**  
11 am Thursdays  
Miss Darbie reads stories to those age 3 and up!

**FOL Storywalk®:**  
**The Mitten** by Jan Brett. Read in both English and Spanish!

**LEGO MONDAYS 2-4 PM**  
Children are welcome to come build with the library's collection of Legos®

**MISS DARBIE'S FEBRUARY PICK**  
*Vietnamese Folktales for Children*  
by Phuoc Thi Minh Tran

Written in both Vietnamese and English, this is a wonderful book to read aloud that is filled with tradition and wisdom.

**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

On Thursday, February 20th, Miss Sacha will host Spanish Storytime! Come to **Hora Del Cuento** at 4 pm upstairs!

**DPL teens**  
HAVE A VOICE AT YOUR LIBRARY!

**75 BOOKS BEFORE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**100 BOOKS BEFORE GRADUATION**

**NEW TO YA IN FEBRUARY:**

**On the Bright Side** by Anna Sortino  
Teen **romance** that tells a meaningful story about self-determination and ableism.

**CALLING TEEN ARTISTS!**  
The Teen Space has shadow boxes for teens to display their art! This includes paintings as large as 14in x 18in, or use of the dividers to display smaller paintings and 3d art up to 2in. in depth. Poetry and other single-page writing can also be displayed if desired. Show off your talent and express yourself at the library! Please submit your art to Misty in Teen Services!

\*Artwork chosen for display is at the discretion of staff\*

**WEEKLY TEEN PROGRAM:**  
Teen writers supporting expressing themselves and supporting each other in their creative endeavors

**Bude's**  
TUESDAYS @ 4PM AGES 12-18

**TEEN COMIC SPACE**

BY LORELEI HOOKER

**T.A.B. meeting Thursday, Feb 27th @ 4:30 pm**  
Add your voice and ideas to the discussion of teen programs, services, and collection suggestions by joining TAB and attending monthly meetings!

## DPL ADULTS

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

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**

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

**LTAIO/ Kitchen Travels** will take place on Thursday, Feb 13th at 5:30 pm. Grab **There There** at the library!

## DALC @ DPL

**FITNESS FOR SENIORS @ DPL**  
Tai-Chi Mon, Wed, & Fri @ 10am  
Sit-Fit Tue, Thu, & Sat @ 9 am:  
Low impact fitness.

**String Theory** has moved to **Tuesdays at 1 pm!** Learn how to do all the things you can do with yarn from Karen Page!

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

**LINE-DANCING** returns to DPL Thursdays in the Annex at 10:15 am!

**Spice of the Month** is back! Grab your free packet on Friday, February 21st at the front desk while supplies last!

**ESL Classes**  
Call 580-736-1170 to sign up for English language classes  
**Tues & Thurs @ 10 am**

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**AFTER SCHOOL!**



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

**FINE FREE February**

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

						<p>9 AM: SIT FIT</p> <p>TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY!</p>
<p>3 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p> <p>LEGO 2-4 PM MONDAYS</p>	<p>4 9 AM: SIT FIT</p> <p>STRING THEORY TUESDAYS 7 PM: LEARN TO KNIT AND CROCHET</p>	<p>5 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p> <p>12 PM: BROWN BAG LUNCH @ GENEALOGY LIBRARY</p>	<p>6 9 AM: SIT FIT</p> <p>10:30: BABY /TODDLER 11 AM: STORYTIME</p>	<p>7 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p> <p>CAPTAIN AMERICA TRIVIA @ KOCHENDORFER BREWING CO 7 PM</p>	<p>8 9 AM: SIT FIT</p> <p>2ND &amp; 4TH SATURDAYS @ 11 AM: PHOTO CLUB</p>	
<p>10</p> <p>CREATE A VALENTINE @ THE LIBRARY WEEK!</p>	<p>11 9 AM: SIT FIT</p> <p>3:30 PM TUESDAYS ADULT WRITER'S TEEN WRITING BUDDIES TUESDAYS @ 4 PM AGES 12-18</p>	<p>12 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p> <p>KIDS CODING WEDNESDAYS 3 PM   AGES 6-15</p>	<p>13 9 AM: SIT FIT</p> <p>LET'S TALK ABOUT IT &amp; KITCHEN TRAVELS 5:30-6:30</p>	<p>14 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p> <p>Valentine's Day</p>	<p>15 9 AM: SIT FIT</p>	
<p>17</p> <p>SORRY WE'RE CLOSED</p>	<p>18 9 AM: SIT FIT</p> <p>TUESDAYS &amp; THURSDAYS 3 &amp; 4 PM MINECRAFT</p>	<p>19 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p>	<p>20 9 AM: SIT FIT</p> <p>4 PM HORA DEL CUENTO 11 AM LIBRARY BIRTHDAY STORYTIME</p>	<p>21 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p> <p>SPICE OF THE MONTH!</p>	<p>22 9 AM: SIT FIT</p> <p>Sweet Treats 1pm @ UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</p>	
<p>24 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p> <p>MONDAYS @ 11 AM "LIVE-IT" WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAM</p>	<p>25 9 AM: SIT FIT</p> <p>TUESDAYS &amp; THURSDAYS @ 10am ESL Classes 580-736-1170</p>	<p>26 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p> <p>MONDAYS &amp; WEDNESDAYS DALC COMPUTER CLASSES @ 10 AM COMPUTER LAB</p>	<p>27 9 AM: SIT FIT</p> <p>LINE-DANCING 10:15 am Thursdays Annex 4:30 pm: Teen Advisory Board</p>	<p>28 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p>		