

OFF THE SHELF

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DPL Spiritweek

It's important (now more than ever) to celebrate all that libraries do for our communities! Help us get the word out about Duncan Public Library by dressing up for our library spirit week (National Libraries Week); visit us at the library & post about it on your socials!

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MON: Hat Day

Wear your favorite hat to the library!

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TUE: Tie Dye Day

Whether just a shirt or a whole outfit, wear tie dye to the library!

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WED: Genre Day

Dress up to represent your favorite book genre!

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THU: Pajama Day

Get cozy and read in your pajamas at the library!

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FRI: Library Day

Wear your favorite DPL shirt or your favorite book-themed shirt!

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SAT: Decades Day

Dress as your favorite decade!

Spring Weather Preparedness

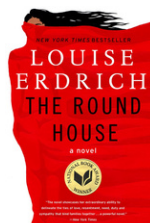
As Oklahomans, we are well-aware of how quickly a nice spring day can go from a risk of severe weather to wall cloud! Have you ever wondered what you would do or where you would go if you are at the library when this happens? Recently, there was a city-wide tornado drill, and library staff participated by making sure everyone in the library was safely escorted to the safe room or the downstairs restrooms. Staff try to stay aware on high risk days, but always check the weather before heading to the library in spring!

Let's Talk About It April: *Bad Indians: A Tribal Memoir*

The Duncan Public Library welcomes you all to join us for a book discussion and a Taste of Kitchen Travels on **Thursday, April 10th at 5:30 pm** in the board room. We'll be discussing Deborah A. Miranda's *Bad Indians: A Tribal Memoir* with Dr. Margery Kingsley. Our Taste of Kitchen Travels will have us tasting atole as mentioned in the beginning of this memoir.

NEXT LTAIO BOOK:

Thursday, May 8th @ 5:30 PM



The Round House
by Louise Erdrich with
Dr. Sunu Kodumthara.

ARRIVING SOON

Some of the books are scheduled for release in April:

Tough Luck	Dallas, Sandra
Overkill	Jance, J.A.
Fortunate Harbor	Bunn, T. Davis
Sealed With a Hiss	Brown, Rita Mae
25 Alive: A Women's Murder Club Thriller	Patterson, James
Colton Gray, Deputy US Marshal ...	Johnstone, William W.
A Mind of her Own	Steel, Danielle
The Murder Machine	Graham, Heather
The World's Fair Quilt	Chiaverini, Jennifer



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!

COLOR
OUR
WORLD™

Read all the colors of the world for our 2025 Reading Challenge! March's color is **GREEN**. Staff recommendations are on display in the middle of the library. If you'd like to browse the display from home, you can find these titles on the Book Fun page or by clicking "On Display" on the homepage.



The FOL Files...

The Friends have been **CRAFTING!** They worked super hard in March on bookish things for the Arts & Crafts show that takes place at the end of March. They are enthusiastically raising funds for the renovations that have already started in the library's kitchen and board room upstairs. 85% of the money has been raised and they hope through events like the craft fair they can get the word out! You may have noticed that some of the project has already begun (new texture, paint job, ceiling tiles, and lighting!) If you missed out on crafts, donate to the renovation project at the library or through the FOL's Cash App! Be sure to note that funds are for renovations! A new FOL t-shirt design is on its way for you to purchase that will go towards the renovations, so be on the lookout for it!

Outreach...



The Library will have another Trivia Night! This time in partnership with DLT, Duncan Little Theatre, for **Shakespeare Trivia on Friday, April 4th at 6 PM!** Trivia will take place here at DPL. As usual, we are always looking for outreach partners and opportunities for 2025! Get in touch with us at dploutreach@duncanok.gov to find out all the ways that you can get involved with DPL!

APRIL IS

poetry month

Look for displays to that feature books of poetry both at the library and on the website on the **Book Fun** page under **Browse**, or by clicking "On Display!"



I am always searching for new authors. I found Hannah Nicole Maehrer when I picked up her book *Assistant to the Villain*. I was reading other things at the time, so it sat on my TBR pile for quite a while until, that is, this week when I decided to give it a shot. I had been in a reading funk for the past couple of weeks, and I wasn't sure this book would help. Boy, was I wrong! This is a delightful book for those of you who like romantasy. It encompasses all the fairytales with added twists. Evie Sage, assistant, is a young woman determined to keep her ailing father and young sister Lyssa alive and well in the magical kingdom of Rennedawn. While trying to find work, she encounters the Villain in the Hickory Forest. She helps him and asks for a job. We then move forward 6 months, and Evie has learned to fit in at Massacre Manor. In fact, she loves her job and is smitten with her boss. But someone is trying to kill him, and Evie is determined to keep him safe. This book is so much fun. It's not a kid's fairytale, but it has all the elements of a good fairytale you would have read in childhood from the very first sentence line, "Once upon a time...." I haven't started the second title in this series yet but will soon; the third doesn't come out until September. These characters are all fun, the dialogue and plot are fast-paced, and it is just an enjoyable, laugh-out-loud book—I can't wait for the next two. Until next time, so many books, so little time.



WED, APR 2ND @ NOON
PERSPECTIVE/PRESENTISM &
GENEALOGY

UPCOMING EVENTS

2025

- 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 FOR ALL AGES



DPL KIDS

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!



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

MISS DARBIE'S APRIL PICK
Marley, Messy Dog by Susan Hill




Marley tries to "help" in this level 2 learn to read book. Painting is hard for a dog, though, and things get pretty messy! Check it out!


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, April 17th, 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 APRIL:

Away by Megan E. Freeman
A companion novel to Freeman's *Alone*, and also written in verse, follow a group of young teens unravel the upending of life as they knew it.



GAME ROOM
stay-n-play@dpl

The Game Room is now open for reservations! Come play the PS5 (other game systems will be added soon). The Game Room can be checked out for two hours at a time.

Apr 24 @ 4:30
(see website for changes)

Teens can find updates and meeting minutes on the DPL Blog under TABs or on the DPLteens Resources Page!

WEEKLY IN YA: TEEN WRITERS' TUESDAYS @ 4PM AGES 12-18
Teen writers supporting each other in their creative endeavors. Collaborate with each other and have friendly writing competitions in Writers' Group!

TEEN COMIC SPACE BY LORELEI HOOKER



DPL ADULTS

LIVE-IT weight loss program taught by an RN/Certified teacher every **Monday @ 11 am**. And **TOPS** meets **Tuesdays @ 5:15** in the Annex



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



Tabletop RPG meets in the Library annex every **Saturday at 10 am**! Join the campaign!



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

DALC @ DPL

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



String Theory is now 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 10:00 am!



Spice of the Month is back! Grab your free packet on Friday, April 25 at the front desk while supplies last!



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

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AFTER SCHOOL!



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

April

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

	<p>1 9 AM: SIT FIT</p>	<p>2 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p> <p>12PM: BROWN BAG LUNCH @ GENEALOGY</p>	<p>3 9 AM: SIT FIT</p>	<p>4 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p> <p>DLT & DPL Present SHAKESPEARE TRIVIA NIGHT</p> <p>@ DPL 6 PM - 7:30 PM</p>	<p>5 9 AM: SIT FIT</p> <p>SATURDAYS @ 10 AM: RPG @ DPL</p>
<p>7 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p>	<p>8 9 AM: SIT FIT</p>	<p>9 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p>	<p>10 9 AM: SIT FIT</p> <p>LET'S TALK ABOUT IT & KITCHEN TRAVELS 5:30-6:30</p>	<p>11 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p>	<p>12 9 AM: SIT FIT</p>
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<p>21 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p>	<p>22 9 AM: SIT FIT</p>	<p>23 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p>	<p>24 9 AM: SIT FIT</p>	<p>25 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p>	<p>26 9 AM: SIT FIT</p>
<p>28 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p>	<p>29 9 AM: SIT FIT</p>	<p>30 10 AM: TAI-CHI</p>	<p>Our New Website! DUNCANLIBRARY.COM</p>		