

OFF THE SHELF

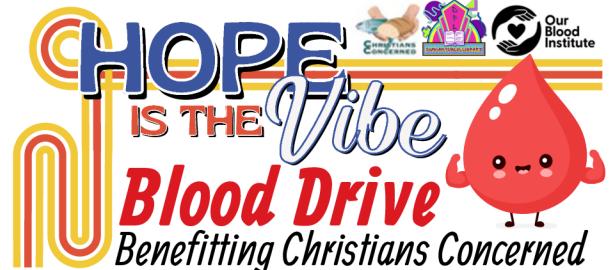
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Welcome... to Twenty Twenty-Six

It's a new year, and that means a new logo, but this one seems to be a little hard to dig up for some reason. We have a strange feeling that it might take us until summer to fully excavate this one! Speaking of, this summer's theme is **Unearth a Story**, and we thought we'd spend the whole year doing just that! 2026 is going to be the year we try to get everyone to read more books. We have a book club for almost every age of reader this year: **Tween Reads** for older kids and younger teens ages 8 to 12 will be run by Miss Jessica, **Teen Reads** will stick to books for middle-school-aged readers, but will remain open to any teen ages 12-18. Our older teens and young adults will also get their own book group this year with **YA Reads**, and finally, our Fall Book Club is going to continue as **DPL Reads!** Members have chosen to read titles that have appeared on banned & challenged lists this season in order to understand why it's imperative that we all have the freedom to choose what we read! We will continue meeting on the second Thursdays of each month. Our first meeting will get us talking about some of our favorite books that have been on such lists. We all discovered something new last season, genres we didn't know we liked, authors we didn't think we would love, the wonder of reading books meant for a younger audience, characters we adore, series we wish wouldn't end, as well as the joy of having other readers to discuss what we've read and gaining a deeper understanding through their unique perspectives, so come unearth some stories with us this year!

Clothing Swap @ the Library!

Do you have way too many clothing items you don't know what to do with? Would you love to be able to give them to someone else who may actually have some items you have been looking for? Do you wish we were all a little less wasteful? Let's swap! Bring clean, gently worn items to the library's Annex on Friday, the 16th between 11 AM and 5 PM, and collect tickets for the number of items you have brought. Return to the library on Saturday, the 17th to "shop" for items you are in need of between 10 AM and 3 PM. Trade those toddler clothes in for children's sizes. Turn in those too-small jeans, and get an awesome "new" shirt instead! Let's do some good with our stuff and help each other along the way! Questions? Call the library and ask for Jessica.



Start the year off with a good deed! We've partnered with the Oklahoma Blood Institute and Donable Cares for our Blood Drive on January 6th from 12- 3:30 pm. We will be set up in Suite 33 at the Chisholm Mall, and all donors who register in advance at the QR code lock in a \$15 donation to Christians Concerned for completing their blood donation. To sign up, scan this QR code and enter the zip code as 73533. If you are having trouble with signing up, call the library at 580-255-0636 and ask for Jessica; she can help you sign up! OBI will also be giving away \$5000 to one lucky donor, as well as \$5000 to a family struggling with medical bills. What better way to kick off the new year? Remember, in 2026, Hope is the Vibe!



Arriving Soon...

Some of the books scheduled for release in January:

My Husband's Wife Feeney, Alice
The Shop on Hidden Lane Krentz, Jayne Ann
Remember That Day Balogh, Mary
The Invisible Woman Patterson, James & Susan Dilallo
The Right to Remain Grippando, James
The Witching Hours Graham, Heather
Pendergast: The Beginning: Preston, Douglas & Lincoln Child
Twelve Months Butcher, Jim
Nine Goblins Kingfisher, T.



If we don't have an older title you are looking for,
 try Interlibrary Loan for items that can be shipped
for a small fee! ILL form found online and at Circulation.

GENEALOGY LIBRARY BRANCH

Corner of 8th and Ash, Duncan, OK 580-255-8718 | SCGSLIB.com | scgslib18@gmail.com
OPEN Mon - Thu, 9am - 2 pm

SATURDAY, JAN 24TH @ 10 AM

TRUE CRIME CLUB

COLD CASE DISCUSSION



SATURDAY, FEB 21ST

SCGS's annual fundraiser for
Genealogy Library's projects!
This year's event is a patriotic
theme to coordinate with
America's 250 that will be celebrated this year! As always,
the event will take place at Duncan First United Methodist
Church from 1 pm to 3 pm. Site will open at 11 am in order
for participants to get set up! Please see Kristi or any
Genealogy Society member about participating in
or attending this annual fundraising event!



Kristi's Reading Corner

I have so many favorite authors, but one of my newer favorites is Callie Hart. She is the author of the Fae & Alchemy series that begins with the book Quicksilver, which I have now read twice. Brimstone, the second book, came out in November, and it picks up exactly where Quicksilver left off—and yes, you must read Quicksilver before Brimstone. The third and final installment of the series will be out in August or September of 2026, which is good news since my patience has a limit when it comes to waiting for the next in a series. Saeris Fane is one of my favorite protagonists. She is a human who has alchemy powers, and she is trying to stay alive in a world of bigotry against the poor and afflicted. Food and water are rationed in the third ward, where she and her brother Hayden are quarantined. It's a brutal world of governmental oversight and persecution for being different. Both of these books are excellent—I haven't actually finished Brimstone yet, but I can already recommend it. There is a slow-burn love story in Quicksilver, and you'll find the character of Kingfisher to be a unique hero. If you like the fantasy genre, you will like this series, and if you are into romances, you will for sure love the Fae & Alchemy series. I don't want to give more away, so I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Until next time, so many books so little time. -Kristi

The FOL Files...



Happy New Year! 2025 went by in a hurry! Your FOL board has been spreading the word about our commitment to the DPL. We encourage you to become a member of the Friends of the Library. This year our goals include acquiring new members (individual and business), better social media and local event presence, and helping DPL provide valuable programs for our community. One of the fundraising events we have coming up is Taylor Swift Trivia at Kochendorfer on Friday, January 9th. It's \$10 a team. Another event is the Annual Friends of the Library Meeting, March 3 at 5:30pm. Watch for more details and follow us on Facebook at Friends of the Duncan Public Library, Oklahoma. —Friends of the Library

DPL Go!



Did you know that the Duncan Public Library has library cards specifically for schools? Teachers can contact Jessica in Outreach to get their own card to access all of the library's services for their classrooms! We can also do student tours at the library or visit your classrooms. There are tons of ways the library can help you and your students. To find out more, contact Jessica at dploutreach@duncanok.gov!



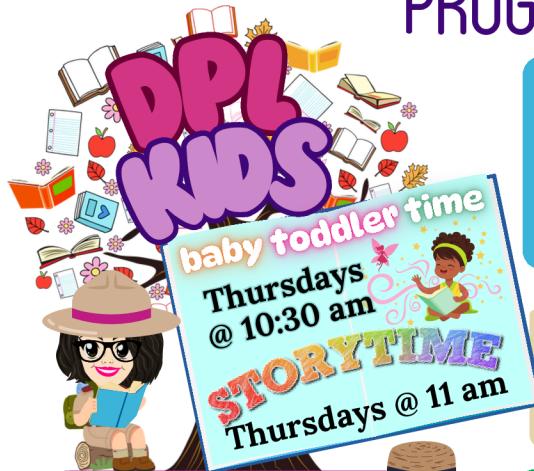
Brown Bags Topics for

2026

- 2/4: Family Timelines
- 3/4: Identifying Photos
- 4/1: Utilizing Research Sites
- 5/6: Cemetery Signs and Cleaning
- 6/3: Handwriting Transcription
- 8/5: Social Networking & Genealogy
- 9/2: Surname Origins & Mapping
- 11/4: Helping with the Holidays
- 12/2: Yearly Review

*dates, locations & topics may be adjusted

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES



TWEEN READS! (ages 8-12)
Miss Jessica would love to discuss your favorite Dog Man book on **Thursday, 1/15**



FOL Storywalk®:
Finding Wild by Megan Wagner and Abigail Halpin will go up in Oct!

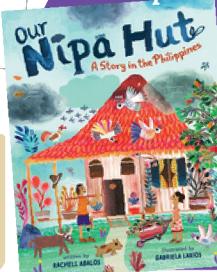


MISS DARBIE'S JANUARY PICK

Our Nipa Hut by Rachell Abalos
VOX BOOK

The Mendoza family loves their traditional Filipino nipa hut, and it's always there for them. But a tropical storm is headed their way! Borrow a copy of this read-along

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



HAVE A VOICE AT YOUR LIBRARY!

TEEN BOOK CLUBS:
& **TWEENS!**



2026 GOAL: 55 BOOKS

Teen Reads can pick up copies of Legend by Marie Lu from the teen services desk (to check out). We'll discuss it on Tuesday, 1/27 @ 4:30 pm



Coding for Kids is every Wednesday from 3 to 4:30 pm. For ages 6-15. Please call to sign up (580) 255-0636

Hey older teens and younger adults! You've expressed that you are wanting to read books that reflect who you are and situations you are ready to explore. Books with characters that are more complex and help you understand a more broad view of the world around you. So we Bring you YA Reads! Come to our first meeting on Saturday, 1/10 @ noon to discuss the possible to be read this year!

TEEN COMIC SPACE BY LORELEI HOOKER: SAMMY TRIES NEW THINGS!



DPL ADULTS

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



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



Genealogy Library will have their Brown Bag Lunch over all genealogy topics, **Wed, Jan 7th @ noon**



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



True Crime Club will meet at the Genealogy Library on **Sat, Jan 24th @ 10 am** to discuss the Patti McRay case from 1991.



FITNESS FOR SENIORS @ DPL

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



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



DALC @ DPL



DPL Reads Book Club will be meeting on **Thurs, Jan 8th at 5:30** to talk about Banned and Challenged books!

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!**



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Impa'chi
meals for kids



WEEKDAYS 2:30-4:30
upstairs kitchen

JANUARY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HOT COCOA BAR EVERY THURSDAY IN THE KITCHEN			2026 <i>Closed</i>	2 10 AM: TAI-CHI	3 9 AM: SIT FIT
5 10 AM: TAI-CHI	6 9 AM: SIT FIT 12-3 pm: MUST Register! Blood Drive! @ Suite 33 Chisholm Mall	7 10 AM: TAI-CHI Brown Bag Lunch Genealogy Library Brown Bag Lunch 12pm: Weeding	8 9 AM: SIT FIT 5pm: DPL Reads	9 10 AM: TAI-CHI	10 9 AM: SIT FIT 12pm: YA Reads
LEGO 2-4 PM MONDAYS	13 9 AM: SIT FIT Tuesdays 1 pm: crochet & knit String Theory TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 3 & 4 PM MINECRAFT	14 10 AM: TAI-CHI KIDS CODING WEDNESDAYS 3PM AGES 6-15	15 9 AM: SIT FIT 4 pm: Tween Reads: Dog Man 4pm: Hora Del Cuento	16 10 AM: TAI-CHI Clothing Swap Drop Off 11 am - 5 pm	17 9 AM: SIT FIT Clothing Swap 10 am - 3 pm
SORRY WE'RE CLOSED	20 9 AM: SIT FIT 3:30PM TUESDAYS ADULT WRITER'S TOPS: Tuesdays 5:15	21 10 AM: TAI-CHI	22 9 AM: SIT FIT Thursdays 10:30: Baby /Toddler 11 am: Storytime	23 10 AM: TAI-CHI	24 9 AM: SIT FIT 10am @ Genlib 2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 11 am: Photo Club
26 10 AM: TAI-CHI MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS DALC COMPUTER CLASSES @ 10 AM COMPUTER LAB	27 9 AM: SIT FIT 4:30pm: TAB & Teen Reads: Legend	28 10 AM: TAI-CHI	29 9 AM: SIT FIT LINE-DANCING 10am Thursdays in the Annex	30 10 AM: TAI-CHI	31 9 AM: SIT FIT