

# February 2024 *Check it Out*

THE NEWSLETTER FOR ADULTS  
@ ENID PUBLIC LIBRARY

## PLEGC 2023 Numbers

- Community members saved \$1,403,075.93 by borrowing materials from the library.
- 2023 Circulations: 189,899.
- 16,999 free public computing sessions for library cardholders.
- 2,223 new library cards were issued.
- 100,429 patrons visits to the library.
- 844 programs offered.

## Book Club News

Books are available for checkout on the first floor.

### Banned/Challenged Book Club

2/6, 5:00 PM: *Animal Farm* by George Orwell

### Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

2/20, 5:30 PM: *Cruel Prince* by Holly Black

### Closed-Door Romance Book Club

2/26, 5:30 PM: *The Roommate Situation* by Katie Baily

### Haven't Got a Clue Mystery Book Club

2/27, 5:00 PM: *The Agathas* by Kathleen Glasgow

## Beanstack Reading Challenge

Beanstack is hosting a banned or challenged books reading challenge where participants are encouraged to read 10 books from a curated reading list. The challenge period spans from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, and readers must select titles that have faced bans or challenges. Engaging in this literary exploration allows participants to delve into thought-provoking and controversial works, fostering a deeper understanding of diverse perspectives and the freedom of expression in literature. This challenge is for adults 18 and over. [Log onto Beanstack.](#)



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MON-THU: 8:30-7:00

FRI: 8:30-6:00

SAT: 8:30-5:00

SUN: CLOSED

Open at 10:00 on 2/16

Closed on 2/19



## **Additional Parental Control Option**

### **Opt-in for Youth Borrowing Restrictions**

The best way for parents to monitor and guide their children's reading is to be present and involved in the decision process. The Library wants to support parents' decisions for their children and has created additional options available to parents concerning their minor children's library cards. The library card application now includes an option for parents to restrict their minor children from borrowing materials from the adult sections or accessing the online databases. Parents who wish to do so must choose restricted access for their children's library cards. The Library, as a department of the city government, cannot restrict access to information. The Library and the City of Enid can allow parents to restrict their children's ability to borrow materials from the adult sections of the physical collection or from accessing the digital collections and databases.

Parents who previously obtained library cards for their children and now wish to restrict access to those cards will need to fill out a new application and indicate that the card should be restricted. They will not need a new card; the existing card will be updated to prevent borrowing materials from the adult section or accessing the databases as appropriate. Parents who do not wish to restrict their children's borrowing ability do not need to take any action. All new library card applications will include the option to prevent youth card holders from borrowing materials from the adult section or utilizing the databases. The option to prevent youth card holders from using computers in the Library will continue to be available as well.

Youth cards that have been restricted will not look different. Cards with restricted privileges will not allow the cardholder to borrow materials from the adult section, either at the self-checkout or the circulation desk. Cards with restricted database use will not have remote access to any of the Library's databases. Once a parent has opted to place restrictions on the youth card, if the youth needs materials from the adult collection, the parent will need to check out any items from the adult collection for their children on their own library card. To help prevent possible errors, parents will not be able to contact the Library to allow specific items; the circulation system will not allow the check-out and cannot be overridden by library circulation staff. Parents who have chosen to restrict their children's cards must fill out a new library card application if they wish to remove the restriction.

The addition of restricted cards may affect other patrons as well. However, those effects should be minimal. Processing new library card applications will likely be a slightly longer process as there are more options for library staff to verify. Patrons who routinely check out DVDs or large numbers of books may need to check in their books at the circulation desk instead of using the book drops to avoid possible complications related to check-out limits. Circulation staff will no longer be able to override any circulation rules; returned materials may need to be fully checked in before additional materials can be borrowed.

Currently, established cardholders are limited to four DVDs and 50 books.

## Request for Reconsideration of Materials

The Library received eight requests for the reconsideration of materials between November 20, 2023, and January 3, 2024.

### **Reviewed books being moved to the adult section.**

*The Infinite Moment of Us* by Lauren Myracle is a young adult romance that deals with social issues, including classism. This book has not been rated by Common Sense Media. This book was moved to the adult section because it takes place after high school and includes post-high school situations. It was added to the collection in 2013. This book has circulated 23 times.

*The Handsome Girl and Her Beautiful Boy* by B.T. Gottfred is a young adult novel about gender, sexuality, and identity. It was added to the collection in 2018. It was moved to the adult section because Common Sense Media rated it as appropriate for ages 16+. This book has circulated 12 times.

*Breathless* by Jennifer Niven is a young adult contemporary romance dealing with family issues, including divorce and parent/child relationships. This book has not been rated by Common Sense Media. This book was moved to the adult section because it takes place after high school and includes post-high school situations. It was added to the collection in 2021. This book has circulated nine times.

### **Books currently being reviewed**

*Shine* by Lauren Myracle is a young adult crime mystery that deals with social issues, including bigotry and justice. Among other lists and awards, it was a 2013 Sequoyah Masterlist Book. This book is rated as 15+ by CommonSense Media. It was added to the collection in 2012. This book has circulated 32 times.

*We Know It Was You* by Maggie Thrash is a young adult murder mystery. The book received mixed reviews. This book has not been rated by Common Sense Media. It was added to the collection in 2017. This book has circulated 19 times.

*People Kill People* by Ellen Hopkins is a young adult novel in verse addressing social issues, including gun violence and white supremacy. It is a New York Times Best Seller rated as appropriate for 14+ on Common Sense Media. The book was added to the collection in 2018. It has circulated ten times.

*Like a Love Story* by Abdi Nazemian is a historical young adult romance set in New York City in 1989 that deals with social issues, including bigotry, family issues, and the AIDS epidemic. It is a Stonewall Honor Book rated as 15+ by Common Sense Media. It was added to the collection in 2019. This book has circulated four times.

*Last Night at the Telegraph Club* by Malinda Lo is a historical, young adult romance set in 1954. It won multiple awards, including an Asian Pacific American Award for Literature and a Stonewall Award. It is rated as 14+ by Common Sense Media. It was added to the collection in 2021. It has circulated seven times.

### **Book Review Process**

We have found that having limited copies of the books available for review is slowing the review process. To help expedite the process, the Library will acquire up to three copies of the challenged books. The Library will use the process to obtain the extra copies when available and timely. If copies need to be purchased for the review, those copies will be purchased in the most cost-efficient way. Library staff should not purchase materials for official library business out of their personal funds. Library staff are expected to review materials during their work hours.

## Adult Activities at EPL

### US Citizenship Test Prep Classes

Wednesdays at 5:30 PM

Free classes are offered to help prepare students for the English, civics, reading, and writing portions of the U.S. citizenship interview. Textbooks and workbooks are provided by Friends of the Library. Classes are in English. Will not meet 2/14.

### Groundhog Day Movie

2/2 at 1:30 PM

Celebrate Groundhog Day with a twist at the library on February 2, 2023, at 1:30 PM! Join us for a special screening of the iconic film "Groundhog Day" – a hilarious time-loop classic. Popcorn, soda, and a dose of Bill Murray's comedic charm await you for an unforgettable afternoon of laughs and movie magic! This movie is rated PG.

### S.A.I.L.

Wednesdays and Fridays at noon

Staying Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) is a fitness program for older adults, which can be done sitting or standing. Each class includes a warm-up, cardio, balance, strengthening, and stretching exercises. This class meets twice weekly on Wednesday and Friday at noon. A certified OHAI volunteer teaches this class. Will not meet 2/14 or 16.

### Yoga for Strength & Balance

Mondays at 5:00 PM

Join us every Monday at 5:00 PM for a rejuvenating yoga session at the library. This inclusive routine, suitable for seniors and all age groups, incorporates balance exercises and yoga poses that can help expand your range of motion while enhancing your strength and stability. Will not meet 2/12.



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## More Adult Activities

### Drop-in Studio Time

2/24 from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

The library is offering Drop-in Studio Time in the Red Earth Room, exclusively for adults seeking a creative escape. Fully stocked with coloring books, art paper, canvases, ceramic gnomes, fairy doors, paints, pencils, and assorted crafting supplies, it provides an ideal space to unleash artistic expression. Participants can also bring their own projects to work on, and are encouraged to make themselves at home by bringing a sack lunch and snacks to enjoy during their crafting sessions.

### Sit & Stitch

Join us on Fridays at 10:00 AM for a cozy gathering of needleworkers. Whether you're a pro or just starting, we're here to share ideas and provide a warm, supportive atmosphere. Will not meet 2/16.

### Learn to Knit or Crochet

2/10 at 10:00 AM

All ages and experience levels are welcome.

## Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Enid Public Library are library advocates! They're a nonprofit organization who loves the library and helps raise funds, volunteer, and sponsor events for the Enid Public Library. Attend the monthly meeting in the Heritage Room of the library on 2/12 at 6:00 PM. Learn more about friends at [enid.okpls.org/friends/](http://enid.okpls.org/friends/). Visit them on Facebook at [facebook.com/enidlibraryfriends](https://facebook.com/enidlibraryfriends)