

MARCH 2024 CHECK IT OUT

THE NEWSLETTER FOR ADULTS @ ENID PUBLIC LIBRARY

Hello
March!

March is Women's History Month


The Public Library of Enid and Garfield County has a rich history dating back to its founding in 1899 by the Enid Study Club. This visionary group, comprising prominent women like Mrs. Mary C. Lee, Mrs. Louise Lee Cromwell, and Mrs. W. S. Denton, set out to establish a cultural hub for the community. Mrs. Louise Lee Cromwell served as the first president, leading the club in its mission to bring literature and knowledge to the residents of Enid. Initially operating from a modest reading room at 120 North Independence, the library boasted minimal furnishings, including three chairs, a table, a small stove, and a few shelves. Undeterred by limited resources, the Enid Study Club took on various fundraising projects, such as selling library tickets, organizing lyceum courses, and even staging a memorable Minstrel Show parade around the square, featuring the ladies as the cast. Despite their early successes, the Enid Study Club offered the library to the City of Enid multiple times before the city officially accepted responsibility in 1905.





The library was relocated to North Grand, near the First National Bank, marking a pivotal moment in its development. Today, the Public Library of Enid and Garfield County is a testament to the dedication and vision of these pioneering women who transformed a small reading room into a cornerstone of community education and enrichment. Save the date of 4/6 for a special 125th Enid Study Club Celebration at 11:00 AM.



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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 3/15





Book Club News

Books are available for checkout on the first floor.

Banned/Challenged Book Club

3/5, 5:00 PM

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas is a thought-provoking novel that explores themes of racism and police brutality. Discussing this book provides an opportunity to delve into conversations about censorship, free speech, and the impact of literature on societal perspectives.

Closed-Door Romance Book Club

3/18, 5:30 PM

Divine Rivals by Rebecca Ross is a breathtaking tale of rival journalists who discover love through a magical connection.

Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

3/19, 5:30 PM

All Systems Red by Martha Wells is about a cyborg designed to protect humans on a research mission. It has developed independence from its original programming by overriding its "governor unit" and prefers watching soap operas over its security function.

Haven't Got a Clue Mystery Book Club

1/23, 5:00 PM

"King Me" by J.A. Crawford

Set within a fan convention of the TV series 'The Lands Beyond,' reminiscent of Game of Thrones, *King Me* is an entertaining murder mystery where a former actor turned private investigator tries to identify a potential murderer just 15 minutes before the fatal event.

Board Meetings

The Library Board will meet at noon on March 11. The meeting agenda will be posted at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting and may be viewed at enid.civicweb.net/portal. Meetings are posted live on the library's Facebook page: facebook.com/enidpubliclibrary. The public is welcome to attend.

Join the **Friends of the Library** for a monthly board meeting in the Heritage Room of the library on March 11 at 6:00 PM. Learn more about friends on the library's website: <https://enid.okpls.org/friends/>.

US Citizenship Test Prep

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.



Friends of the Library Book Sale 3/14-16



Join us at the Friends of the Library book sale! Discover treasures on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The times are Thursday 10a-7p, Friday 10a-6p, and Saturday 9a-12p. Saturday will be a bag sale. Dive into a world of literature and support your local library. Don't miss out on this opportunity to find your next favorite read! Want to help us set up the sale on 3/13 beginning at 1:00? We need help with heavy lifting!

Fairy Garden Book Craft 3/19 at 5:00 PM



Join us for a magical evening at the library, where we're turning hardback books into enchanting fairy gardens! Unleash your creativity as all materials are provided for this whimsical adult program. Let's transform literature into living art and cultivate a bit of fairy-tale magic together!

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Creating in the Library



Sit & Stitch

NEW TIME Fridays at 3:00 PM
Need to unwind on Friday afternoons? Bring your own project to work on in the company of others or take part in our crochet block of the month service project.

Learn to Knit or Crochet 3/9 at 10:00 AM

All ages and experience levels are welcome.





Blossom into Greenery: A Spring Festival of Growth and Gardening Wisdom

3/16 @ 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

This festival will feature local gardeners sharing their expertise, free seeds for all attendees, and various activities to help you learn about spring planting practices.



Healthy Living @ EPL 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.

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 is suitable for seniors and all age groups.

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Save these Dates in April!

Save the date of April 6, 2024, at 11:00 AM for a special **125th Enid Study Club Celebration**.

The **2024 Enid Author Fest** is set for 1-4 PM on April 20. Stop by, visit with area authors, and purchase signed copies of their works. Past festivals have hosted 40 authors. This year will feature readings, door prizes, a children's storybook costume contest, and a teen book spine poetry contest!



Our first **Crowns Tea** will take place on April 27 from 1-3 PM. This community event is based on the book, *Crowns: Portraits of Black Women in Church Hats* by Michael Cunningham and Craig Marberry. Stay tuned for registration information for this free event.

