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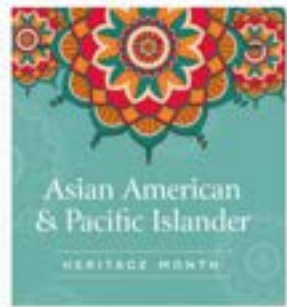


## May Celebrations for Libraries

### Celebrate Children's Book Week, May 6-12!

Children's Book Week is a national week-long event that celebrates books for young readers. 2024 is the 105th anniversary of this beloved program, and this year's event slogan is *No Rules. Just Read.* So whether you are a kid or a kid at heart, pick up a book and read for the fun of it!

**Preservation Week** is April 28 - May 4. This annual event is aimed at raising awareness about the importance of preserving cultural heritage, including documents, photographs, and other materials. It encourages individuals and institutions to actively engage in the care and conservation of valuable historical artifacts to ensure their longevity for future generations. See page 4 for information about Preservation Week observances at EPL.



**Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month** is observed in the United States in May. It recognizes the contributions and influence of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islander Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States.

**Jewish American Heritage Month** is an annual recognition and celebration of American Jews' achievements and contributions to the United States of America during May.

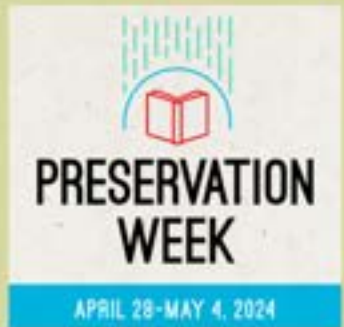
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MON-THU: 8:30-7:00  
FRI: 8:30-6:00  
SAT: 8:30-5:00  
SUN: CLOSED  
Open at 10:00 on 5/17  
Closed 5/27 for Memorial Day







## Book Club News

Books are available for checkout on the first floor.

### Banned/Challenged Book Club

5/7, 5:00 PM

John Green's award-winning novel *Looking for Alaska* follows the journey of Miles Halter as he navigates the complexities of adolescence and searches for meaning in the wake of tragedy.

### Closed-Door Romance Book Club

5/20, 5:30 PM

*The Do-Over* by Lynn Painter. How many times can one girl passively watch her life go up in flames?

### Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

5/21, 5:30 PM

*Starter Villain* by John Scalzi features an unlikely protagonist who just wants to buy a bar (even though he has no money), get out of the house his half-siblings co-own, and generally get out from under. Then a rich uncle dies and leaves him his supervillain business located under a volcano.

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

4/23, 5:00 PM

*Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger is a poignant novel set in a small Minnesota town during the summer of 1961. Through eloquent prose and a compelling narrative, Krueger explores themes of loss, forgiveness, and the complexities of human nature.

## Library Board Meeting

The Library Board will meet at noon on May 13. The agenda will be posted at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting and may be viewed at [enid.civicweb.net/portal](http://enid.civicweb.net/portal). Meetings are posted live on the library's Facebook page: [facebook.com/enidpubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/enidpubliclibrary). The public is welcome to attend.

## Friends of the Library

Friends of the Library of Enid, OK, is a registered non-profit group dedicated to supporting the public library in Enid through fundraising and advocacy. Join the Friends of the Library for a monthly board meeting in the Heritage Room on May 13 at 6:00 PM. Learn more about friends on the library's website: <https://enid.okpls.org/friends/>.

## Upcoming Summer Elementary Community Read Book Club

The honorary and sustaining members of Enid's Junior Welfare League are sponsoring the purchase of 100 copies of the book *The Lion of Lark-Hayes Manor* by Aubrey Hartman, to be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis at the end of May. Elementary students will meet weekly for reading and discussion (and snacks, of course!)





## Teen Summer Volunteers

Enid Public Library is seeking enthusiastic teen volunteers to be part of our Summer Reading Program! Whether you're a bookworm, a storyteller, or simply love to make a difference in your community, we want YOU to join our team!

As a teen volunteer, you'll have the chance to help with fun-filled activities and events for children of all ages, spark creativity through arts and crafts sessions, and collaborate with fellow volunteers and library staff to create memorable experiences for all.

Plus, volunteering at Enid Public Library offers fantastic benefits, including valuable leadership and teamwork skills to boost your resume, opportunities to earn community service hours for school or college applications, forming lifelong friendships and connections with fellow volunteers, and exclusive access to special events and recognition for your hard work.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young readers while having fun! Apply today to be part of the Summer Reading Program at Enid Public Library. Pick up an application at the front desk or fill one out online at <https://enid.okpls.org/teen-volunteering-application/>. Interviews start May 6th! Summer Reading begins June 7th!



## Activities at EPL

### S.A.I.L.

Wednesdays and Fridays at noon  
Staying Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) is a fitness program. Each class includes a warm-up, cardio, balance, strengthening, and stretching exercises. No class on 5/24.

### Yoga for Strength & Balance

Mondays at 5:00 PM

Join us yoga session at the library. This inclusive routine is suitable for seniors and all age groups.

### Sit & Stitch

Fridays at 3:00 PM

Need to unwind on Friday afternoons? Bring a project to work on in the company of others. Does not meet on 5/24.

### Learn to Knit or Crochet

5/11 at 10:00 AM

All ages and skill levels are welcome.

### US Citizenship Test Prep

Wednesdays at 5:30 PM thru 5/29.

Free classes are offered to help prepare students for the English, civics, reading, and writing portions of the U.S. citizenship interview. Text books and work books are provided by **Friends of the Library**.





## Preservation Week Programs

Register by calling 580-234-6313

### Preserving Family History

4/30 at 5:30 PM

Join us for Preservation Week Kickoff to explore preserving your family's history! Tour our genealogy and Marquis James rooms to begin your journey. Learn essential preservation steps with practical tips and beginner-friendly guides. Engage in discussions with a library historian versed in public history and preservation techniques. Discover the significance of safeguarding your family's legacy for future generations. Don't miss this chance to kickstart your journey with confidence. Celebrate Preservation Week and embark on this fulfilling endeavor with us! Registration required.

### Genealogy Workshop

5/1 at 1:30 PM

Join us for an enriching experience during Preservation Week! On May 1st at 1:30 PM, we're hosting a Genealogy Workshop where you can delve into the fascinating world of tracing your ancestry. Discover the secrets of your family's past and learn how to find ancestors using tools like Ancestry.com, Find a Grave, and military records. Our workshop will provide comprehensive guides to genealogy, equipping you with the skills to unearth your heritage. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with your roots and preserve your family's history. Registration required.

### Preserving Family Collections

5/2 at 1:30 PM

Join us on May 2nd at 1:30 PM for an enlightening workshop on preserving family artifacts. Archivist Aaron Preston from the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center will share invaluable techniques for safeguarding your family's treasures. Whether it's family Bibles, cherished photos, or important documents, learn how to ensure they withstand the test of time. Don't miss this unique opportunity to learn from a seasoned professional in the field of preservation. Registration required.



### Preservation Week Workshop

5/4 at 10:00 AM

Receive help with preserving family treasures and take home free handouts to get you started on preserving your family's history. We will work on various forms of preserving family heirlooms and documents. No registration required.