

ODL YOUTH SERVICES

8 THINGS TO KNOW: OCTOBER



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HAPPY SPOOK-TOBER!

Do you have spooky or mystery-themed activities for kids or teens planned for October? We would love to see them! Please share stories or pictures with us at

okyl@officemgmtentserv.onmicrosoft.com (Just keep in mind that this address is the whole group! Share thoughtfully.)

VOLUNTEER FOR SEQUOYAH

Love kids' books and collaboration with other library people? Apply to join a Sequoyah Reading Team! Applications are open until November 2. Team members must be willing and able to read 2-3 books per week, and to meet regularly to discuss and make decisions about them. Team members are also required to be OLA members. Questions? Contact Emily Masters at emasters@putnamcityschools.org



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GREAT BOOKS GRANT

Does your library have a special need for books? Have little to no budget? Serve a special population? Apply for the Great Books Grant! Grant winners will receive about \$2000 worth of new books from the preview collection of youth books here at ODL. You can apply for children's, intermediate, or high school, and the grant is open to public, school, and special libraries. Winners must be able to pick up the books here at ODL.



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SLJ DAY OF DIALOG: OCTOBER 10

Join this free virtual gathering of library professionals for author panels, keynote sessions, and conversations. The topic is new books! For children, tweens, and teens! There is a virtual exhibit hall with giveaways too. Learn more here!



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FOR SUMMER 2025

As you know, it's time to start planning for next summer! I want to be in touch with your needs as much as possible. We are considering the topic of summer planning workshops, and I need some feedback from you. If you will, please complete this short form to help us make decisions! 🌈



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PARENT CAFE TRAINING

The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth is offering a training on parent cafes, which are "structured conversations where caregivers can connect, reflect, and engage in peer-to-peer learning." This fits perfectly for library staff who offer learning opportunities for parents and caregivers! The workshop is October 28-29 in Lawton. Check it out here.



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SUMMER MATERIALS

Our deadline for requesting CSLP materials for next summer will be earlier this year, so please set aside the time needed to get this in! I will let you know as soon as the form is available.



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CALL FOR PERFORMERS

If you have a suggestion for a great performer for summer library programs next year, please send me their information or share the performer information form with them. We want to give our libraries many options for learning opportunities for our kids!



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