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## Matching Funds

### fREADom

Recently I was asked why I named the newsletter fREADom...here is my answer.

"Once you learn how to read, you will be forever free." by Frederick Douglass

"Books can not be killed by fire. People die, but books never die. No man and no force can abolish memory...In this war, we know, books are weapons. And it is a part of your dedication always to make them weapons for man's freedom." by Franklin D. Roosevelt



Thursday, February 20, members of the Mason Pilot Lodge 367 presented Friends of the Library and some members of the Teen Council with a check for matching funds from the fundraiser breakfast held in January. Left to right is Gary Cotten, David Kanter, Robert Turner, Beverly Kirkpatrick, Leslie Durham, Grant Long, Olivia Long, CJ Marr, and Emily Pollman. We are already looking forward to our next breakfast!

## Upcoming Events & Special Dates

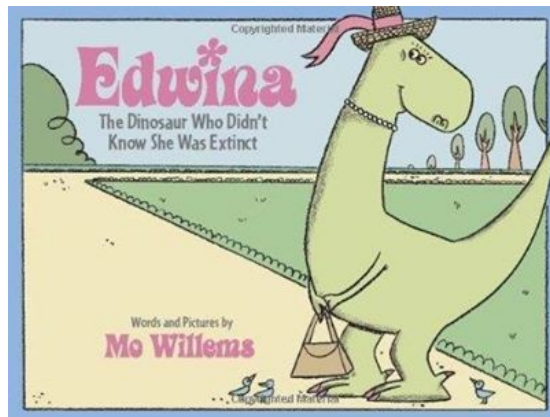
April 10: Special Easter Story Time with Bert Ballou starting at 6pm

April 25-26: Friends of the Library book sale

## Books & Banter

"Books & Banter, LLC is a brand new business in southwest Oklahoma who plans on opening a bookstore in Lawton in the spring of 2014. But we are so, SO much more than that. We strive, as a business, to be community oriented and to enter the fray in the fight against illiteracy. We also intend on supporting the local arts and music in Lawton and the surrounding areas, as well as local authors."

Books & Banter will be at the library the first Tuesday of the month presenting the After School Program. March 4 they will read about Edwina and provide a craft.



We encourage elementary age children to attend and enjoy the activities.

## Story Time Names?

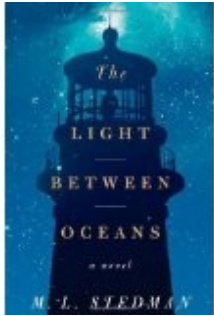
I have thought off and on about actually *naming* our story times. While checking around to see what other libraries do, there are some really cute names out there.

Our after school program is held on Tuesdays and is geared for early elementary ages. The Wednesday group is birth through pre-k ages. One example would be A.T.L.A.S.—at the library after school. This wouldn't really encompass the summer reading program though since it isn't "after school". Or, W.O.W.—Wacky on Wednesday. Or Get Loose With Mother Goose....so many ideas!

I need help picking that one perfect idea. **Do you have suggestions?** We would love to hear any and all of them! We are planning on changing out the library windows here shortly and wanted to include an updated story time design with days and times listed.

You can leave a message on facebook, email at [coe\\_library@tds.net](mailto:coe_library@tds.net), or call 580-492-6650 to share your creative ideas for story time names. I am looking forward to hearing from lots of you.

We have two book clubs that meet at the library on the last Tuesday of the month. One starts at 9:30am and the other at 6pm. Everyone is welcome even if you have not read the book.



*March 25 at 9:30am: The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Stedman*

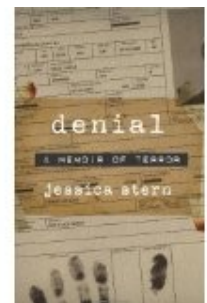
After four harrowing years on the Western Front, Tom Sherbourne returns to Australia and takes a job as the lighthouse keeper on Janus Rock, nearly half a day's journey from the coast. To this isolated island, where the supply boat comes once a season, Tom brings a young, bold, and loving wife, Isabel. Years later, after two miscarriages and one stillbirth, the grieving Isabel hears a baby's cries on the wind. A boat has washed up onshore carrying a dead

man and a living baby.

Tom, who keeps meticulous records and whose moral principles have withstood a horrific war, wants to report the man and infant immediately. But Isabel insists the baby is a "gift from God," and against Tom's judgment, they claim her as their own and name her Lucy. When she is two, Tom and Isabel return to the mainland and are reminded that there are other people in the world. Their choice has devastated one of them.

*March 25 at 6pm: Denial: A Memoir of Terror by Jessica Stern*


Alone in an unlocked house in a safe neighborhood in the suburban town of Concord, Massachusetts, two good, obedient girls, Jessica Stern, fifteen, and her sister, fourteen, were raped on the night of October 1, 1973. The girls had just come back from ballet lessons and were doing their homework when a strange man armed with a gun entered their home. Afterward, when they reported the crime, the police were skeptical.



The rapist was never caught. For over thirty years, Stern denied the pain and the trauma of the assault. Following the example of her family, Stern—who lost her mother at the age of three, and whose father was a Holocaust survivor—focused on her work instead of her terror. She became a world-class expert on terrorism, a lauded academic and writer who interviewed terrorists around the globe. But while her career took off, her success hinged on her symptoms. After her ordeal she could not feel fear in normally frightening situations.

# March 2014

## National March Into Literacy Month

SUN CLOSED	MON CLOSED	TUE 10-6	WED 10-6	THU 10-6	FRI 9-12	SAT 9-12
March 2-8: Read an E-Book Week & Return the Borrowed Book Week	March 17-23: World Folktales and Fables Week					1
2 Dr. Seuss Day	3 Read Across America Day	4 Books & Banter 3:30pm	5 story time 10:30am	6 World Book Day	7	8
9	10 Chamber of Commerce noon City Council 6pm	11 after school program 3:30pm	12 story time 10:30am	13 Teens 5pm making book clocks	14	15
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23	24 Biblioposse 9:30am & 6pm	25 after school program 3:30pm	26 story time 10:30am	27 Teens 5pm Earth Day/ green project	28	29
30	31 OK Library Association Conference	1 OLA Books & Banter 3:30pm	2 OLA story time 10:30am	3	4	5