

## Library Corner

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### Getting away isn't just for the summer, it's easier than you think

Every October, when the leaves are starting to turn the days grow shorter, the American Library Association holds an annual event for teens and tweens called Teen Read Week.

This event occurs the same week as Columbus Day, so Oct. 12-17 for 2015. The purpose of this event is for teens and tweens to read for the fun of it.

Each year a sub-theme is announced to aid in the development of library and classroom programs. 2015's theme is "Get Away" @ your library.

This event is celebrated across the country in schools and libraries alike. The Tulsa City County Library likes Teen Read Week and its mission so much, we expand it for the entire month of October.

The Owasso Library will be

holding a "Get Away" Minecraft Edition event at 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. Several library computers will be set aside to allow interested tweens and teens, ages 10-15, the chance to recreate part of the environment from their favorite book.

Due to the vast open nature of Minecraft, participants will be asked to restrict their building to a set dimension stated at the beginning of the program. The Owasso Library isn't the only library in the system that will be holding engaging teen and tween programming for Teen Read Week.

Collinsville is holding two programs. The first program is being held for the entire month and offers teens and tweens the chance to design their dream getaway using a wide variety of

art supplies.

Their art will then be displayed and voted on in an art contest. Winners of the art contest will receive a prize. The second program is being held from 4-5 p.m. Oct. 19. This program focuses on teens and tweens idea of their favorite vacation. Participants will be using digital tools to construct their idea of the best vacation they can dream up.

The Martin Regional library also will be holding two exciting events during Teen Read Week. First is the Battle of the Books. This event will take place from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17.

This event will pit librarians against each other in epic book talks. Winners will advance to the next round of the competition until a final winner emerges victorious. Attendees will have a

chance to win a door prize.

Refreshments also will be provided along with the Young Adult Library Services Association's Top 10 teen book nominees. The second event will take place from 2-3 p.m. Oct. 17. It will feature a popular teen and tween building material, Legos.

New building techniques will be taught, team building will commence, and participants will have the chance for solo building. Don't worry about lugging your Legos from home, there will be plenty of Legos on hand at the library. This class does require registration, which opens Oct. 13.

With all of these great options available to you and your young adult, your fall break should be a fun and library filled time off of school.



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