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LIBRARY CORNER

Owasso Library names new manager

By **Jennifer McQuade**
Branch Manager
Owasso Library

The Owasso Library has a new library manager.

Jennifer McQuade, formerly the children's librarian, has been promoted to library manager.

My job history

I have worked in libraries for 14 years, starting as a part-time shelver. I knew within a week of starting my first library job I wanted to have a career in the library.

I worked my way up the ladder and attended school on nights and weekends to finish my master's degree in Information Studies. I was hired as a children's librarian at the Owasso library in March 2008.

I have loved working with the kids, doing storytimes and creating fun library programs. I implemented the Family Place model in 2013 at the Owasso Library, which focuses on services to families with children younger than age 3.

I am passionate about library services and about the Owasso community. I believe our library is a place where people can meet

and collaborate, find information, bring their children to learn and play, and find a friendly face to help with finding a job, doing homework, using an e-book device or finding a new book to read.

I believe wholeheartedly in the library motto, "Libraries Change Lives." I am very excited to be promoted to the position of manager of the Owasso Library, though it is bittersweet as we all miss our previous manager, Barbara Barnes.

She was my mentor and like a second mom to me. I hope to follow in her footsteps and continue with the high quality of customer service she provided to the Owasso community when she was manager.

About me

I am married to jazz pianist Scott McQuade, and we have two children ages 6 and 4. We are animal lovers and have three cats and a dachshund at home.

I grew up in different towns in Oklahoma, including Claremore, Stillwater and Tulsa. I graduated from Edison High School in Tulsa and attended the University of

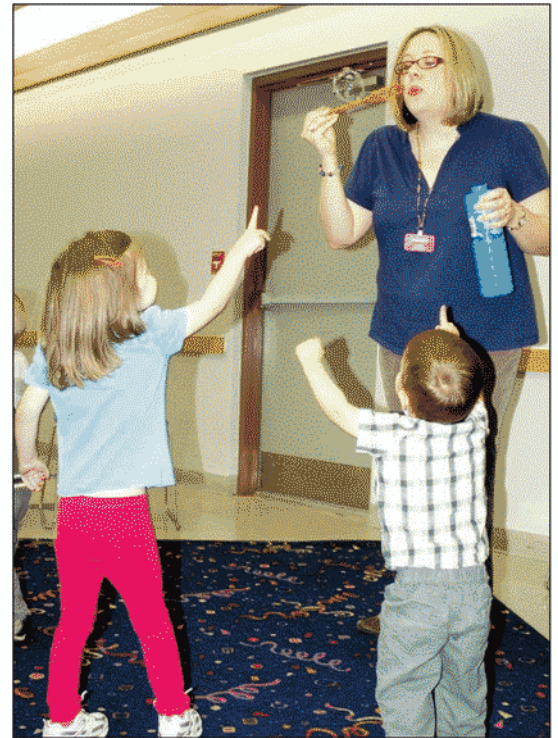
Oklahoma for my undergraduate studies in English literature.

I moved to Tallahassee, Fla., for eight years after graduating from OU and received my master's degree from Florida State University. We moved back to Oklahoma when I accepted the job at the Owasso Library.

I love to read (of course), practice yoga at Tranquility Yoga studio, and spend time with friends and family, especially summers at the lake. My favorite book of all time is "The Stand" by Stephen King. I love "The Game of Thrones," both the books and the television series.

I would love to hear from the community! What would you like to see at the Owasso Library? Please email me at jmcquad@tulsalibrary.org with your suggestions, and come say hi the next time you are in the library.

If you haven't been to the library in a while, stop in and we will be happy to tell you about all the services we provide, such as downloadable music, e-books and e-book device help, mango languages, universal class, digital audio books and more.



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Jennifer McQuade blows bubbles during a library program at the Owasso Public Library. McQuade was promoted to the Branch Manager.



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