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LIBRARY CORNER

Library accepting applications for Teen Team volunteer program

By **Barbara Barnes**
Branch Manager
Owasso Library

obsessed with the horrific murder of a teenage girl and vows to find her killer. Mystery

Applications are now available for our Teen Team volunteer program. Teens between ages 13-15 who enjoy children and like reading can pick up an application at any library or visit teens.tulsalibrary.org/tccl/teen-team.

Shadow Hand by Anne Elisabeth Stengl — Lady Daylily's father has agreed to her marriage to Lord Foxbrush, but she loves his cousin. She flees into the dangerous Wilderlands with Foxbrush chasing after her but will she survive the Faerie beasts? Science fiction

Applications should be returned to the branch where you would like to work. Our teen associate will set up interviews, hire and train those who are "hired."

ADULT NONFICTION
The Smart Girl's Guide to Going Vegetarian by Rachel Meltzer Warren discusses how to look great, feel fabulous, and be a better you.

Applicants should be able to work a few hours most weeks of the summer during our Summer Reading Program. This volunteer experience gives teens insight into the working world; often teen teamers are hired as shelvers when they reach 16 years of age.

YOUNG ADULT FICTION
Mending Horses by M. P. Barker — free and on his own. Daniel Linnehan is nearly sixteen in 1839 when he joins Jonathan Stocking and Billy, a girl hiding from her abusive father, in peddling goods in New England.

Call (918) 549-7624 for further information. Sensory Storytime is Friday, April 4, from 4-5 p.m. Call (918) 549-7624 to register.

TWEEN FICTION
Game of Clones by M. E. Castle — in The Clone Chronicles No. 3, twelve-year-old Fisher Bas and the clone he created try to prevent a mad scientist and his evil clone brother from trying to take over the world through a behavior-altering television program.

This program is for ages 1-7. If your child has trouble sitting through a regular storytime, this might be perfect for your child. PAWS for Reading is set for Thursday, April 10, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Call the above number to sign up.

JUVENILE NONFICTION
Expanding a Nation by Elizabeth Raum explores the causes and effects of the

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By Jason Davis
Contributing Writer

Baptist Village Communities honors God by creating communities and services that enhance lives.

This enables it to serve God and one another. One individual that embodies this philosophy was honored for her work by LeadingAge Oklahoma, the Oklahoma state association of not-for-profit senior living organizations.

Baptist Village of Owasso's Norma Whitaker was named resident volunteer of the year.

Whitaker found her place of ministry in 1987. Baptist Village of Owasso was opening a village store and needed someone to run it. Norma and husband Gale stepped in.

"I really went into it blind," Norma recalls. "I'd never [operated a store] before. My dad did have a store after he left the farm, and that was my only experience."

Nearly 27 years later, she's still going strong. She refers to it as her "mission" and it has become her place to serve.

Largely through her efforts, residents can shop for a wide variety of items without leaving campus.

It truly is remarkable the work that goes into daily operation. Norma purchases the products and spends hours stocking and pricing items. She uses coupons and sales to keep prices low while still being profitable. She coordinates a volunteer network to keep the store running Monday through Friday.

One-hundred percent of store profit goes right back into village ministry. The store has donated more than \$31,000 throughout the years toward various projects and campus improvements. The amount of labor put in more than 26 years is astounding, but she doesn't want attention brought to herself. She just enjoys seeing residents maintain their independence.

Norma was honored for service, but this passion is carried out by more than 750 friends Team Members every day, as they serve more than 2,200 people every day across Oklahoma.

For more information, call toll-free (866) 887-2872 or visit baptistvillage.org.



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