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EDUCATION

## Kindergarten builds upon 'respect'



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Kindergarten students at the Early Childhood Center enjoyed some ice cream and examined their "respect" building kits courtesy of Lowe's in Owasso recently. The students were being honored for showing respect to others.

### College curious to get closer look at Rogers State

By Robert McClendon  
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and can be completed online at [www.rsu.edu/destinationrsu/](http://www.rsu.edu/destinationrsu/) or over the phone at 918-343-7540 or 800-950-7511.

## Library celebrates 'Seek the Unknown' for Teen Read Month

By Rhonda Weldon  
Collinsville Library Manager

families have had to adapt to make do with less as a result of the economy. As many have

This year's featured event is the Anime Mini Con, Saturday, Oct. 26 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at

Collinsville Library offers these ideas: Visit the public or school library with your

Rogers State University  
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(546) 800-256-1511.

High school upper-classmen and their parents will get the inside scoop on Rogers State University during Saturday's Destination: RSU, an open house that caters to the college curious.

Participating students will have a chance to win a partial tuition waiver and other prizes.

The Oct. 12 event, which is free, begins at 9:00 a.m. in the Ballroom of the Centennial Center on the Claremore campus. Preregistration is required

"Few decisions affect the life of a young adult more than whether and where to attend college. Destination RSU is designed to help demystify the process by giving parents and students a close-up view of our university, including how to get in and how to access scholarships and financial aid," said Joy Lin Husted, director of admissions.

The event will feature breakout sessions for students and parents where they will meet RSU faculty members, current RSU students and take guided tours of the campus.

Thursday, Oct. 10 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the Collinsville Library will host a CSI: Crime Scene Investigation program for middle school and high school students, as part of Teen Read Month™.

Collinsville Library will celebrate Teen Read Month™ throughout the entire month of October with special events and programs aimed at encouraging teens around the area to read for the fun of it. Thousands of libraries, schools and bookstores across the country will hold similar events centered on this year's theme, Seek the Unknown @ your library, which dares teens to read for the fun of it.

Teen Read Month™ is a time to celebrate reading for fun while encouraging teens to take advantage of reading in all its forms —books, magazines, e-books, audiobooks and more. It is also a great opportunity to encourage teens to become regular library users.

In recent years, many

learned unsurprisingly, the library is a great place to start. Teen Read Month™ is a great opportunity to educate teens and their families about all the free services the library can offer while also encouraging teens to explore all the different resources and services it provides.

Moreover, according to Collinsville's Teen Librarian, Robin Bushyhead, "Strong reading skills are more critical than ever because it can translate into better performance at school. This is why it is important to show them that reading is a fun and relaxing activity they can do for free."

Collinsville Library also hopes to show parents and other concerned community members what they can offer by hosting special programs and events during Teen Read Month™.

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the Hardesty Library. Ben Hatke, author of the Zita the Spacegirl comics, is our special guest. Visit exhibitors including Asian products and anime clubs; enter the cosplay contest; make candy sushi; comics; and much more.

31 Teen programs are scheduled throughout the Tulsa City-County Library locations. Check out the Event Guide (<http://www.tulsalibrary.org/event-guide-print>) for specific details on these fun and creative programs.

During October, teen customers can get overdue fines waived for items returned late and in good condition.

During October, teens can get a replacement library card for free.

For more information, check out the Teen Read Month™ section of the Tulsa City-County Library (<http://teens.tulsalibrary.org/tccl/teen-read-read-week>).

Parents of teens are encouraged to celebrate Teen Read Month™ at home, as well. The Col-

teen to attend a program or to check out books.

Set aside time each night for the family to read.

Give books or magazine subscriptions to your teen as a gift or reward.

Share your favorite book with your teen.

Go online with your teen to learn about new books or authors. A good place to start is YALSA's Booklists and Book Awards page, [www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists).

Join a book discussion group at the school or public library.

Teen Read Week™ is a national adolescent literacy initiative created by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association. It is held annually during the third week of October. As part of the Tulsa City-County Library, the Collinsville Library celebrates for the entire month of October. For more information, visit [www.ala.org/teenread](http://www.ala.org/teenread) or <http://teens.tulsalibrary.org/tccl/teen-read-read-week>.

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