

STILLWATER READS



SEPTEMBER 2025

**Registration
Opens August 15**

SIGN UP TO
ATTEND A
DISCUSSION AND
GET A FREE
BOOK WHILE
SUPPLIES LAST!

FOR ADULTS

“LISTEN”

BY SHELDON RUSSELL
OK BOOK AWARD WINNER!

FOR YOUTH

“NOWHERE BETTER
THAN HERE”

BY SARAH GUILLORY

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MERIDIAN TECHNOLOGY CENTER, AND STILLWATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

EVENTS

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

AUTHOR SHELDON RUSSELL

Thursday, 9/4 (7-9 p.m.) at Stillwater Public Library
Oklahoma Book Award winner Sheldon Russell will sit down for a cozy interview with OSU's Dr. Mary Larson. Afterwards, Russell will sign copies of "Listen."

WPA ARCHITECTURE

Tuesday, 9/9 (6-7 p.m.) at Stillwater Public Library
Dr. Matthew Pearce, Oklahoma Historical Society's State Historian and former National Register of Historic Places Coordinator for Oklahoma, will discuss the history of WPA architecture, with a focus on local structures.

AUTHOR SARAH GUILLORY + HANDS-ON SCIENCE

Saturday, 9/13 (2-4 p.m.) at Stillwater Public Library
Children's author Guillory will discuss the inspiration her book "Nowhere Better Than Here," and sign copies for youth participants, followed by hands-on science activities simulating rainfall, flooding, and erosion with the Oklahoma Conservation Commission.

ORAL HISTORY 101

Wednesday, 9/17 (6-8 p.m.) at Community Center
Patrick Daglaris, Associate Professor and Oral History Archivist for the Oral History Research Program at OSU's Library, will teach attendees how to get started on their own oral history projects. The library will also begin loaning oral history kits in September.

PODCASTING FOR BEGINNERS

Tuesday, 9/23 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) at Stillwater Public Library
Meridian Technology will present an introductory class for adults and teens ages 12 and up interested in starting a podcast. Learn about equipment, editing software, and more.

WESTERN SWING DANCE LESSON

Friday, 9/26 (7-8:30 p.m.) at Community Center
Local dance instructor Janice Hunter will teach attendees basic western swing dance steps and some simple line dances, so readers can confidently cut a rug at the community picnic and dance finale.

COMMUNITY PICNIC FINALE

Sunday, 9/28 (1-4 p.m.) at Block 34
Celebrate a month of reading and learning together with a 1930s style community picnic with games and dancing. Enjoy live Western swing music courtesy of Oklahoma Swing. Bring a picnic lunch and a blanket or lawn chairs to sit on. The library will provide drinks and pie.

All events will feature door prize giveaways!

EXHIBIT: DUST, DROUGHT, AND DREAMS GONE DRY

The exhibit features images, quotations, and memories of the Dust Bowl from oral histories accessible by QR codes. It will be on display at the library Aug. 18-Sept. 30.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

ADULTS MUST SIGN UP FOR A DISCUSSION TO GET A FREE BOOK

8/26	(Tue)	7 p.m.	Prairie Arts + Bring a Craft
8/28	(Thu)	6:30 p.m.	Stillwater Public Library
9/3	(Wed)	5 p.m.	Stonecloud
9/6	(Sat)	12:30 p.m.	OSU Museum of Art + View Exhibit
9/8	(Mon)	2 p.m.	Stillwater Armory
9/12	(Fri)	1 p.m.	Stillwater Public Library + Tea Party
9/14	(Sun)	3 p.m.	Freddy's Steakhouses
9/16	(Tue)	3:30 p.m.	Stillwater History Museum
9/19	(Fri)	10 a.m.	Stillwater Public Library
9/22	(Mon)	5:30 p.m.	Zannotti's
9/23	(Tue)	10 a.m.	Balanced Coffee
9/25	(Thu)	6 p.m.	Stillwater Public Library + 1930s Potluck

MORE FOR KIDS

Programs beyond Sarah Guillory's visit:

Friday 9/5 & Saturday 9/6
(9:30 & 10:30 a.m.)
Oklahoma history-themed storytimes
No registration required.

Wednesdays in September (4-5 p.m.)
Writing Club for 4th through 6th graders
Limited space, registration required.

"NOWHERE BETTER THAN HERE"
IS MOST APPROPRIATE FOR
GRADES 4-7.

Kids do not need to register for any programs to get a free copy of the book.