

Water/Ways Activities

**All activities will take place at Ada Public Library.
124 South Rennie; Ada, OK**

Exhibits

Smithsonian Water/Ways Exhibit – August 27-October 12 – Open during library hours.

History of Ada's Water – September 9-October 12

Did you know that some of the first pipe that brought water to the area from Bird Mills was made out of wood? This is just one of the many facts that give Ada a rich and somewhat colorful relationship with water. Take a step back into time and exploring both the history and impact this vital resource has had on the making Ada what it is today. This community developed exhibit will be open to the public during regular library hours starting September 9 and extending through October 12.

Activities/Events

Native American Storytellers – Multiple Performances

There is nothing like a good story. Join the Chickasaw Nation Storytellers bring their cultural relationship with water to life in these spellbinding tales. These events are for the whole family.

Wednesday, September 11th at 6:00 PM

Saturday, September 14th at 10:30 AM

Wednesday, September 18th at 6:00 PM

Monday, September 23rd at 6:00 PM

Wednesday, September 25th at 6:00 PM

Tuesday, October 1st at 6:00 PM

Monday, October 7th at 6:00 PM

Thursday, October 10th at 6:00 PM

Let's Talk About It, Oklahoma! – Dates Below start time is 5:30 PM

This is a book discussion like no other. Make available through Oklahoma Humanities, the themes available are almost endless. This fall's series, consisting of five titles, is entitled Wade In The Water was developed by Oklahoma City University's Dr. Mark Davies. The books are available to borrow at no charge through the library and without the requirement of a library card. The group meets each month for a lively discussion, great food (meal provided) and wonderful company. The first discussion is at 5:30 August 22 and meets monthly on the following dates: September 12; October 15; November 14 and December 17. For more information, ask at the library's front desk.

Popsicle Boat Build – Contest September 21 at 9:30 AM

Put out your creativity and put on your Captain's hat, it's boat building time. Ada Library Friends is sponsoring the Water/Ways Boat Build. There are several categories from creativities to speed for all ages. Teachers are welcome to make this a class project. Competition will take place at the library Saturday, September 21 starting at 9:30 am. Popsicles kits including rules/application forms are available beginning August 27 at the library's front desk.

Water Walk@ Wintersmith Park with Dr. Bruce Moring – September 22 @ 5:00 PM

Take this opportunity to explore the many unique life forms that calls Wintersmith Park and its lake their homes. Participants of this guided tour will meet and depart from the stage, located at the northeast corner of the park Sunday, September 22 at 5:00 pm. This adventure hike will wrap up back at the stage in time for Music in the Park that starts at 6:00 pm.

Family Movie Night – September 24 at 5:30 PM

(Title of the film cannot be published do to licensing agreement.)

Bring the family out to see one of Disney's biggest and most fondly remembered movies where the literary classic of a family shipwrecked on a deserted tropical island is brought to life. Using teamwork and ingenuity, they skillfully overcome the obstacles of nature and transform their new home into a "civilized" community. But the ultimate challenge lies ahead when a band of cutthroat pirates threaten to destroy the family's makeshift paradise. Follow the smell of popcorn to join us at 5:30, Tuesday, September 24 in the Large Meeting Room at the Ada Public Library.

Blue Thumb – You Too Can Protect Oklahoma's Streams and Rivers! -- October 8 at 6:00 PM

Oklahoma's Nationally Recognized Water Quality Education Program, Blue Thumb, will provide speakers to let area residents learn how they can be involved in protecting local streams and rivers. Blue Thumb uses volunteer "citizen scientists" to monitor streams and offer pollution prevention information. In association with the Smithsonian Exhibit Water/Ways, Blue Thumb will share information that has been gathered about local waterbodies, as well as explain how to become a Blue Thumb volunteer. Presenters: Cheryl Cheadle, Blue Thumb volunteer coordinator, Kim Shaw, Blue Thumb quality assurance officer

Conserve or Not to Conserve: That is the question – Date and time to be determined

Ever wondered how your neighbors feel about water conservation? Question no longer. Drs. Erick O Anang, Terrie A. Becerra, Charles Peaden and Christine Pappas with East Central University has published their research entitled *Examining Water Conservation Behaviors and Attitudes: Evidence for the City of Ada, Oklahoma, USA* in the spring of 2019. Join them in an interactive panel discussion will take place at Ada Public Library. Don't miss out on this though provoking event that will leave you thirsty for more information concerning the future of Ada's water.