

Library hosts Stamp Camp

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The Norman Public Library, 225 N. Webster in downtown Norman, presents a family Stamp Camp in the library's Lowry Room Wednesday, March 3, at 7 p.m. The camp, designed for novice collectors ages ten and up, is conducted by representatives from the Norman Stamp Club and the Norman Postal Service.



The free, introductory workshop features several stations at which participants can learn about stamp collecting. Campers will practice soaking stamps off envelopes and learn about the tools that stamp collectors use to handle and identify stamps. There will be a station for postmarks that tell from what part of the country a stamp was mailed. Visitors will also learn how to determine the value of stamps.

According to [Encyclopedia Britannica](#), stamp collecting, or philately, is the study of postage stamps, stamped envelopes, postmarks, postcards, and other materials relating to postal delivery. The term philately also denotes the collecting of these items. The term was coined in 1864 by a Frenchman, Georges Herpin, who invented it from the Greek philos, "love," and ateleia, "that which is tax-free"; the postage stamp permitted the letter to come free of charge to the recipient, rendering it untaxed.

Librarians will display samples of the many stamp-collecting resources available for check out. Norman Stamp Club officials will also be available to help any Girl Scout or Boy Scout earn a collecting badge or stamp collecting merit badge, respectively.

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