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The library at Oklahoma State University along with the College of Arts and Sciences, and the History Department are bringing Carlos Eire, winner of the National Book Award in 2003 for his book *Waiting for Snow in Havana; Confessions of a Cuban Boy* to campus for two lectures open to the public. On January 28th at 7 p.m., Eire's presentation is entitled, "When Mystics and Witches Flew: Writing a History of the Impossible." On January 29th at 1 p.m., he will discuss his book.

The Career Recruitment and Retention Committee is planning for the 2nd Matrix Camp to be held July 12-18. Students ages 12 to 14 may participate in the week long camp to learn about library careers and the librarians who work in Oklahoma. Their Job Shadow Day will be Friday, February 1. Librarians are encouraged to invite an interested student or other person to join them on the job as a way to encourage them to consider joining the library profession.

The Public Library Division is offering a workshop May 12, 2008 entitled "Safety on the Internet Highway" at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Speakers include Joel Gabel, Google executive and a representative from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation. The goal of the workshop is to provide attendees with information to help them understand the benefits and dangers of the Internet and social networking.