



LIBRARY OF THE FUTURE

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2019 ANNUAL REPORT
WITH 2020 CALENDAR



Tulsa City-County
LIBRARY



Message from the CEO

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When the World Wide Web first opened for public use on Aug. 6, 1991, there were only a handful of users. Now, billions of people around the world rely on the internet and computers daily for almost everything they do. As we live in a digital age, Tulsa City-County Library knows it is vital to keep relevant in these rapidly changing technological times. We also know it is imperative to provide our customers with the tools necessary to thrive in the 21st century. That's why we created the Digital Literacy Lab at Central Library. That's why we were selected to host the 2019 *Library Journal* Directors' Summit. That's why we were named the 2019 Library of the Future by the American Library Association and Information Today. And that's why we were designated a New Landmark Library by *Library Journal*. We invite you to open the pages of this annual report to see how we are bridging the digital divide, and to take a look back at our many accomplishments over the past year and a look forward to the endless opportunities in the new year.

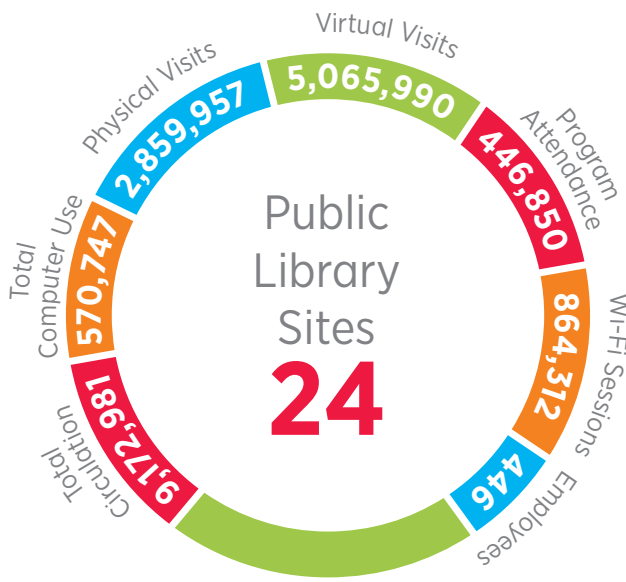
- Kimberly Johnson, CEO

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Maker Space with Audio Lab

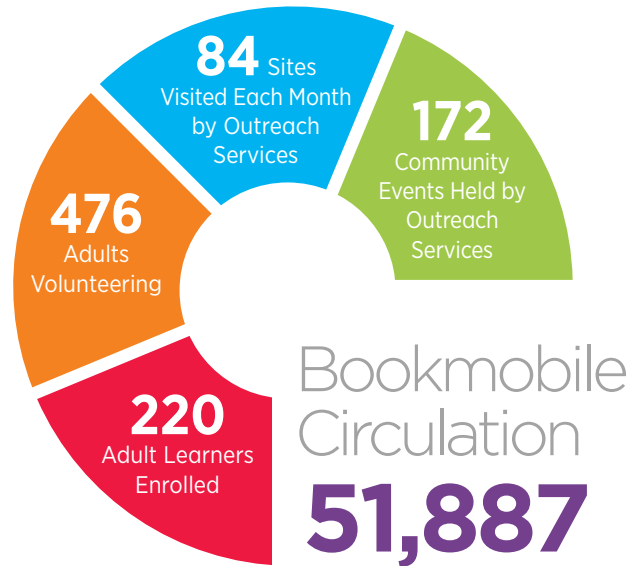
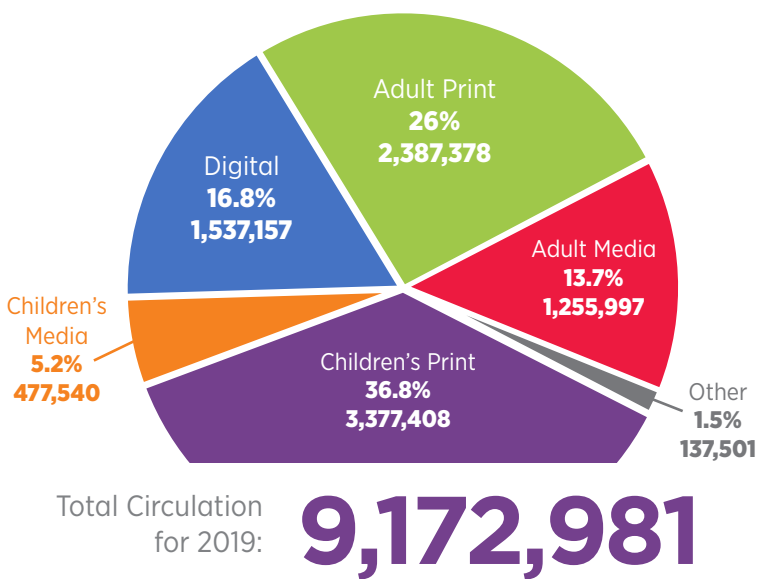
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Frog made using 3D printer at Maker Space

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Flight simulator at Digital Literacy Lab

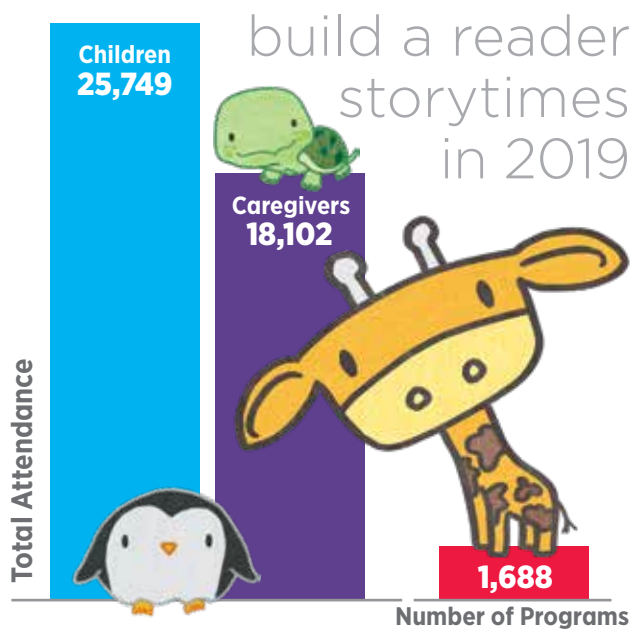
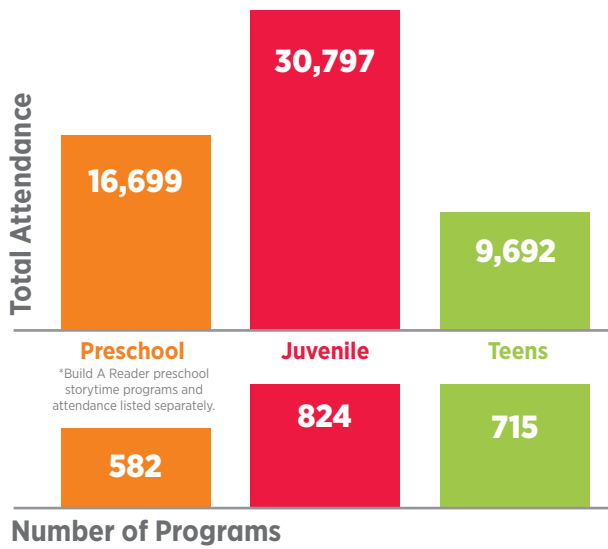
TULSA CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY FAST FACTS 2019



CIRCULATION



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



SUMMER READING PROGRAM

1 out of 4 youth in Tulsa County participate in Tulsa City-County Library's Summer Reading Program.

registration in 2019

Total → **63,451**



books read in 2019

Total → **463,376**

The library's Summer Reading Program had **365 teenage volunteers** who worked a total of **14,484 hours**.

QUICK STATS

WHAT'S AVAILABLE

OWNED MATERIALS

Physical	1,015,245
Digital (eBooks/eAudio)	79,310
Total Owned Materials	1,094,555

PHYSICAL MATERIALS BREAKDOWN

Children's Items	443,305
Adult Items	571,940

SUBSCRIPTION eMATERIALS

eBooks/eAudio	657,064
eMagazines & eNewspapers	7,442
Access to Streaming or Downloadable Music	12.2 million
Streaming Movies & TV	15,980

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

JUNE 30, 2019

REVENUE

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 32,046,734
Services and Fees	\$ 1,621,478
Interest Earned	\$ 293,389
Grants	\$ 19,252
State Aid	\$ 177,595
Library Trust	\$ 422,109
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,502

\$34,584,059

EXPENSE

Personnel Services	\$ 21,560,262
Maintenance and Operations	\$ 4,805,930
Materials	\$ 3,998,482
Miscellaneous	\$ 112,892
Capital Outlay	\$ 3,762,752

\$ 34,240,318

NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES \$343,741

NOTE: TOTALS REFLECTED ARE FROM UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.



JANUARY 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	31	1 New Year's Day libraries closed	2 Library Inventory Day libraries closed	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Great Decisions Kickoff 2:30 p.m. Central Library	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day libraries closed	21	22	23	24	25 Chinese New Year
26	27	28	29 Travels With Tulsans 12:10-12:50 p.m. Central Library	30	31	1

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019

■ TCCL debuted its new Reading Roadshow vehicle in January 2019. This colorful preschool library on wheels visits early childhood facilities and family literacy programs throughout Tulsa County, bringing the best in children's literature, while providing fun Build A Reader storytimes for early literacy development. Special thanks to the Waters Charitable Foundation for funding the vehicle and the Flint Family Foundation for funding the mobile library's new book collection.



■ While in Tulsa on Jan. 10, 2019, bestselling author, artist and visionary Dave Eggers toured Central Library and visited with a student and tutor at the Intergalactic Spaceport & Emporium creative writing center. TCCL partnered with the Junior League of Tulsa in 2016 to develop this out-of-this-world creative writing center, patterned after Eggers' 826 Valencia organization. During the school year, the center offers after-school homework assistance and creative writing workshops to students in third through eighth grade.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN RESOURCE CENTER

Led by TCCL CEO Kimberly Johnson, a group of library directors from across the U.S. visited the African-American Resource Center at Rudisill Regional Library while in Tulsa for the *Library Journal* Directors' Summit, hosted by TCCL at Central Library in November.



FEBRUARY 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						African-American History Month Feb. 1-29
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Groundhog Day			Travels With Tulsans 12:10-12:50 p.m. Central Library			Mr. Henry's Books Educator Workshop 9-11 a.m. Central Library Registration required
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			Travels With Tulsans 12:10-12:50 p.m. Central Library		Valentine's Day	Sankofa Freedom Award 10 a.m. Rudisill Regional Library
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Presidents Day libraries closed		Travels With Tulsans 12:10-12:50 p.m. Central Library			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			Travels With Tulsans 12:10-12:50 p.m. Central Library			Young People's Creative Writing Contest deadline
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019

- TCCL's African-American Resource Center celebrated African-American History Month by welcoming home Booker T. Washington graduate, blogger and social-media maven Crissle West (aka Crystal Townsend) on Feb. 7, 2019, at the Rudisill Regional Library. The popular comedienne, blogger, TV personality and co-host of the comedic "The Read" podcast shared tips on how to create a podcast entrepreneurship and develop a social-media following with the crowd of 135, primarily composed of millennials and Gen Xers.
- Named in honor of the late Henry Zarrow, Mr. Henry's Books complements TCCL's Anne V. Zarrow Award for Young Readers' Literature by offering an educator workshop focusing on a book by the award recipient. Held Feb. 9 at Central Library, the 2019 Mr. Henry's Books Educator Workshop focused on Rita Williams-Garcia's *One Crazy Summer*. Nearly 50 teachers participated in the workshop and each participant received 50 copies of the featured book for their students to keep as their own. Educators from eight Tulsa County school districts – Tulsa, Broken Arrow, Glenpool, Jenks, Keystone, Owasso, Sand Springs and Union – and three private schools attended the workshop, and one lucky teacher, Beth Wilson of Jenks East Intermediate School, won a school visit by Williams-Garcia when she came to Tulsa on May 3 to receive the 2019 Zarrow award. Mr. Henry's Books is funded through the Tulsa Library Trust by the Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation, with special thanks to *TulsaKids* magazine.



**Female Rain
By Laura Tohe**

Female Rain
Dancing from the south
cloudy cool and gray
pregnant with rainchild

At dawn she gives birth to a gentle mist
flowers bow with wet sustenance
luminescence all around

MARCH 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	Read Across America Day	3	4	5	6	American Indian Circle of Honor Ceremony 10:30 a.m. Zarrow Regional Library
8 Daylight Saving Time begins set clock ahead one hour	9 Books Sandwiched In 12:10-12:50 p.m. Central Library	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Books Sandwiched In 12:10-12:50 p.m. Central Library	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Spring begins	20	21
22	23 Books Sandwiched In 12:10-12:50 p.m. Central Library	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Books Sandwiched In 12:10-12:50 p.m. Central Library	31 Adult Creative Writing Contest deadline	1	2	3	4

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019

More than 110 customers braved the bitter cold to honor Navajo poet, writer, librettist and scholar Laura Tohe as she received the 2019 American Indian Festival of Words Writers Award, given by TCCL's American Indian Resource Center (AIRC), on March 2 at Hardesty Regional Library. The audience was mesmerized as the former Navajo Nation poet laureate eloquently spoke about her life and work, and performed, alongside her son, Deswood Tillman, a short spoken-word piece of her rain poems accompanied by guitar and native instruments. At the award presentation, the Pawnee Public School's Pawnee language class sang a rendition of "Let It Be" and "Rocky" in the Pawnee language, and the Rev. Will Hill gave a touching tribute to the late Shan Goshorn, who died Dec. 1, 2018, after a valiant fight against cancer. Goshorn had provided invaluable guidance to the AIRC for many years as a member of the advisory committee. The award presentation kicked off the AIRC's Festival of Words, co-sponsored by the Tulsa Library Trust, The Maxine and Jack Zarrow Family Foundation, Dr. Frank and Mary Shaw, the Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission, Visions and Voices, and the Tulsa Indian Community Foundation. At the three-hour festival, nearly 600 people of all ages learned about native culture while enjoying make-and-take demonstrations, traditional dance and song performances, and the Fifth Annual Preserving Our Tribal Language Forum.



Siblings Aaron and Abi Robinson read favorite stories to PAWS for Reading dog, Josie, and her owner, Denise Graham, at the Jenks Library.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019

■ On April 4 community leaders, loyal customers and past staff gathered to celebrate South Broken Arrow Library's 25th birthday.

The party featured presentations by TCCL CEO Kimberly Johnson, who served as SBA's manager from 2004 to 2010; Bryan O'Hara from Oklahoma 1st District U.S. Rep. Kevin Hern's office; the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce; and City of Broken Arrow Mayor Craig Thurmond. Cake, punch, balloons on sticks, face painting, photos with Buddy Bookworm and trips down memory lane were among the festivities at this fun celebration sponsored by the Tulsa Library Trust.

■ More than 175 guests spent a delightful Sunday afternoon at TCCL's 45th Annual Volunteer Appreciation, held April 7 at Central Library. The awards ceremony honored TCCL volunteers for years and hours of service, and included a reception hosted by the Friends of the Tulsa City-County Libraries. Volunteers received signed resolutions for years of service and the President's Volunteer Service Award for hours served in 2018. Seven PAWS for Reading registered therapy dogs and their owners were among the special guests that were honored. In 2018, 818 volunteers donated 33,970 hours to TCCL. The Independent Sector of Washington, D.C., calculates volunteer time in Oklahoma at \$22.18 per hour. With that calculation, TCCL volunteers saved the library \$752,457 - the equivalent of 16 new full-time employees. At the awards ceremony, the Bank of Oklahoma and the Tulsa Library Trust presented the Marcus R. Tower Service Award to Adrian Alexander, dean of McFarlin Library at The University of Tulsa, in recognition for his longtime service as chair of the Author Selection Committee for the Peggy V. Helmerich Distinguished Author Award. The Dee McBride Award for Volunteer Excellence was presented to Lida McClain, Charles Page Library, for demonstrating excellence while serving the most hours in a calendar year - a whopping 337 hours!

APRIL 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	31	1	2 International Children's Book Day	3	4
Palm Sunday	Books Sandwiched In 12:10-12:50 p.m. Central Library		Passover begins at sundown		Good Friday	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Easter libraries closed	Books Sandwiched In 12:10-12:50 p.m. Central Library					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
National Library Week April 19-25 TCCL Volunteer Recognition Reception 2 p.m. • Central Library			Earth Day	Yom HaShoah: An Interfaith Holocaust Commemoration 7 p.m. Congregation B'nai Emunah	Arbor Day	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2



HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019

■ “I always asked for a pencil and paper in kindergarten while my classmates colored pictures,” said Rita Williams-Garcia, whose bestselling novels for young adults encourage cultural awareness while inspiring imaginations, dreams and pride in all ages. About 380 readers turned out to honor Williams-Garcia as she received the 2019 Anne V. Zarrow Award for Young Readers’ Literature on May 3 at Hardesty Regional Library. After the presentation, Williams-Garcia presented awards to winners of TCCL’s 2019 Young People’s Creative Writing Contest. More than 640 entries from 536 writers ages 10-18 were received for the 2019 contest. Short story was the most popular category, followed by poetry.

■ Holocaust survivor Abraham H. Foxman was just 15 months old when his family in Poland was broken up by the approaching Nazi army.

The national director emeritus of the Anti-Defamation League was in Tulsa to deliver the keynote address, “Survival in the Shadows: Hidden Children of the Holocaust,” at the 22nd Annual Yom HaShoah: An Interfaith Holocaust Commemoration, presented by the Tulsa Council for Holocaust Education of the Jewish Federation of Tulsa and TCCL on May 6. Foxman discussed how he was saved from the Holocaust by his Polish Catholic nursemaid who baptized and raised him as a Catholic during the war years. He also talked about the importance of fighting bigotry and emphasized that the world and the United States are “not doing well” in the fight to eradicate anti-Semitism.

■ What wonderful things your child will be! Enthusiasm and gratitude were in ample supply as children ready to “graduate” from Build A Reader storytime at the library and move on to preschool or kindergarten were celebrated at a special storytime held May 21 at Hardesty Regional Library. Sponsored by the Tulsa Library Trust and Flint Family Foundation, the Build A Reader Graduation featured songs, stories, fun activities and gifts for every child. TCCL’s Build A Reader program helps babies and young children get ready to read by offering weekly storytimes, Build A Reader Centers, a Kids Blog, Stay and Play sessions, and a Build A Reader App.

■ TCCL’s African-American Resource Center received the Keeping the Blues Alive Award from the Oklahoma Blues Hall of Fame on May 25, 2019. The award was given in recognition of the center’s annual Historic All-Black Town Bus Tour. Since 1998, the tour has visited the town of Rentiesville six times, packing the Down Home Blues Club, where they heard the legendary D.C. Minner and/or his wife, Selby, perform.

MAY 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	1 Anne V. Zarrow Award for Young Readers’ Literature 7 p.m. Hardesty Regional Library	2
3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9
10 Mother’s Day	11	12	13	14	15	16 Armed Forces Day
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day libraries closed	26 Summer Reading Program begins	27	28	29	30/31



HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019

More than 1,800 festivalgoers enjoyed the sights, sounds and tastes of Asia at TCCL's 17th Annual Asian-American Festival, held June 22 at Martin Regional Library. Myanmar (Burma), China, India, Japan, Korea and the Philippines were among the countries represented. The festival was expanded to four hours and featured six new booth vendors, including the Chinese American Association of Tulsa, Tam Bao Buddhist Temple and Niam Laus Niam Hluas (Hmong), in addition to longtime participants such as the India Association of Greater Tulsa, Tokyo in Tulsa and Tulsa Japanese Friendship Club. Two new food vendors, KAI Burmese Cuisine and Cha Bubble Tea, joined the Sushi Train to fill the air with wonderful aromas of Asian cuisine. The festivities were rounded out with demonstrations/performances by the Tulsa Kendo Club, Korean Angels of Tulsa, Tulsa Kung Fu, Iaido Tulsa, Yumie Farringer and others, plus booths by the Confucius Institute at the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Mahjong, Philippine American Association, Tulsa Sister City-Beihai, China, Tulsa Sister City-Utsunomiya, Japan, and others.

TCCL received the 2019 Library of the Future Award, given by the American Library Association (ALA) and Information Today publishing company, at ALA's 2019 annual conference, held June 20-25 in Washington, D.C. The Library of the Future Award recognizes innovative planning, applications and development of focused customer support relating to information technology in libraries. TCCL was selected for its innovative Digital Literacy Lab at Central Library. AutoCAD, Xcode, Final Cut Pro X, Adobe Creative Suite, VHS and audiocassette converters, 8mm and Super8 film reel converter, art tablets, green screen, scanners and flight simulators are among the special software/equipment available for customers to use for free in this creator-focused working space. Named after the American Electric Power/Public Service Company of Oklahoma Foundation, the Digital Literacy Lab is a place for customers to develop new apps and software skills, try out new pieces of equipment, digitize family history, edit short films and a whole lot more. Providing this type of training and access to equipment allows library customers to pursue their interests in technology and computer science. The Digital Literacy Lab also is instrumental in making TCCL a vital civic resource and economic driver in the Tulsa community. Special thanks to Katlin Seagraves, digital literacy associate, for all of her hard work coordinating the Digital Literacy Lab, and conducting orientations and special programs.

JUNE 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	Historic All-Black Town Bus Tour 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Rudisill Regional Library Call 918-549-7323 for reservations.
Flag Day						Summer begins
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Father's Day						Asian-American Festival 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Martin Regional Library
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4



HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019

■ Summer 2019 was an out-of-this-world experience for the 63,451 people who participated in TCCL's Summer Reading Program, "A Universe of Stories." From babies to senior citizens, the fun and engaging program attracted participants of all ages from across the county, with nearly 41,000 completing the program and a total of 463,376 books read. With 40 percent of its kids participating, Collinsville distinguished itself as a community of active readers by winning the Summer Reading Program Mayoral Challenge with the highest participation of children enrolled in the program. To complement the program, hundreds of free events – including live music performances, magic shows, juggling presentations, cartooning workshops and a pop-up planetarium – were offered at area libraries throughout the summer. Free admission to Library Summer Reading Night with the Tulsa Drillers was among the rewards earned by children and teens who finished the program. The Summer Reading Program was presented by TCCL, the Tulsa Library Trust, Mazzio's, Oklahoma Department of Libraries, Tulsa's Channel 8, *TulsaKids* magazine, Tulsa Drillers, Tulsa Roughnecks FC, Tulsa State Fair, Tulsa Zoo and Williams.

■ In July, Judy Randle retired from the Tulsa City-County Library Commission after 26 years of dedicated service. At her retirement party, library commissioners and staff celebrated Randle's many contributions to TCCL, and Mayor G.T. Bynum presented a proclamation to Randle, gave her a key to the City of Tulsa and proclaimed July 18, 2019, as Judy Randle Day.

■ TCCL was one of seven Oklahoma organizations recognized by the National Safety Council for its commitment to keeping employees safe on the roads. *Our Driving Concern* Oklahoma Employer Traffic Safety Awards were presented in partnership with the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office and the Oklahoma Safety Council at the Oklahoma Safety and Health Conference in Oklahoma City on July 12, 2019. TCCL was one of two recipients that went above and beyond to earn exemplary distinction for making traffic safety a priority for employees. The National Safety Council stated, "The Tulsa City-County Library is a leader in the area of traffic safety and is an example for Oklahoma employers statewide." TCCL staff worked with the Oklahoma Safety Council to develop a training program consisting of the National Safety Council's Defensive Driving Safety Training and the *Our Driving Concern*: Oklahoma Employer Traffic Safety Program. Library staff utilize pre- and post-trip driving checklists to ensure vehicles are safe to operate. In the year since implementing the driver safety program, TCCL experienced a 60 percent decrease in incidents and 50 percent decrease in repair cost.

JULY 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			Family History Month July 1-31 Call 918-549-7691 for genealogy programming.			Independence Day libraries closed
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1



Three-year-old Spencer Buck loves going to Central Library to check out books and play in the children's area. Spencer is pictured with his mom, Susan Buck.

AUGUST 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Summer Reading Program ends 1/2	3	4	National Conference of African-American Librarians Aug. 5-9 Tulsa, Okla.	6	7	8
Book Lovers Day						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019

■ For the third year in a row, TCCL and Tulsa Global Alliance joined forces to present World in a Box, an annual global education experience celebrating diversity and cultures from across the globe. With interactive booths featuring art, music and dance, Central Library was transformed into a global village for the informal festival, held Aug. 3. Over 1,000 "world travelers" stamped their passports as they learned, explored and had fun at this event celebrating the end of the Summer Reading Program.

■ In August 2019, Sally Frasier retired from the Tulsa City-County Library Commission after 34 years of dedicated service. TCCL celebrated her years of service at the Sept. 19 commission meeting, where she received a framed proclamation, an engraved award and a photo memory book of her years on the commission.

■ Central Library's Maker Space and Digital Literacy Lab showed off their wares at the 2019 Tulsa Maker Faire, hosted by Fab Lab Tulsa, on Aug. 24 at Expo Square. DIY hobbyists, nonprofits, vendors and industry specialists gathered for this awesome family-friendly event in support of creative pursuits. More than 2,000 people visited the library's booth, which showcased equipment from the Maker Space and Digital Literacy Lab, and included interactive exhibits, such as 3D printing, vinyl cutting, a digital drawing station and a virtual reality setup for teens and adults.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019

■ What does it mean to lose your roots within your culture, within your family – and what happens when you find them? Hundreds of Tulsa County residents joined the “One Book, One Tulsa” conversation by reading Nicole Chung’s 2018 memoir *All You Can Ever Know*, a profound, moving chronicle of Chung’s cross-cultural adoption and search for her biological Korean parents. The 2019 communitywide reading initiative culminated with a free, engaging presentation by Chung at Central Library on Sept. 27. To complement the program, six TCCL branches hosted related events that week, including memoir writing and genealogy workshops, and a Korean-American literature discussion. “One Book, One Tulsa” was funded by the Tulsa Library Trust.

■ On Sept. 16, 2019, TCCL’s After-School Homework Club began its eighth year of service providing homework assistance to students in third through eighth grades. The free service is offered weekly, Monday through Thursday, at five libraries: Broken Arrow, Brookside, Central, Martin Regional and Maxwell Park. More than 100 students signed up for the program for school year 2019-20, with nearly 70 students receiving help from volunteer homework coaches each week.

The After-School Homework Club also offers free writing workshops for ages 10 to 18 on Saturdays at varied TCCL branches and once a month at Central Library. Results of a post-survey conducted by the After-School Homework Club with participating students at the end of school year 2018-19 revealed that 100 percent of these students were able to finish their homework assignments as a direct result of this service. By helping students with core subjects like math and reading, the After-School Homework Club continues to meet TCCL’s No. 1 goal – to promote lifelong learning and literacy in all forms.

■ As a part of National Literacy Awareness Month, TCCL and the Tulsa Library Trust presented “Chapters: A Casual Evening of Books, Bards and Bites” on Sept. 5, 2019, to raise awareness and funds for the Ruth G. Hardman Adult Literacy Service. The annual fundraiser featured presentations by popular authors Juliet Grames and Liv Constantine, and delectable appetizers and wine provided by local favorite restaurants and businesses. About 185 people attended the relaxing evening held at the Hardesty Regional Library, and \$14,025 was raised.

■ TCCL was one of three organizations honored by the Tulsa Chapter of the Dialogue Institute of the Southwest at its annual Friendship Dinner and Awards Ceremony, held Sept. 19 at OU-Tulsa Schusterman Learning Center. The Gathering Place and Reading Partners also were recognized. The 2019 Friendship Dinner celebrated the theme “Reading Connects Us All” by recognizing each honoree’s outstanding achievements, professional dedication and service to society. The event was hosted by the Raindrop (Foundation) Turkish House Tulsa.

SEPTEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2	3	4 One Book, One Tulsa 7 p.m. Central Library	5
6	7 Labor Day libraries closed	8	9	10 Chapters: A Casual Evening of Books, Bards and Bites 6:30 p.m. • Hardesty Regional Library Call 918-549-7323 for reservations.	11	12
13 Grandparents Day	14 After-School Homework Club begins Register at www.tulsalibrary.org/after-school-homework-club .	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Fall begins	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3



HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019

■ Together with the Gathering Place, TCCL launched the GROW (Gather and Read on Wheels) Mobile Library at the riverfront park in Tulsa on Oct. 26. GROW offers a chance for Gathering Place guests to browse through the park's collection of books to read together in the park, or to use their TCCL library cards to check out books to take home to read. The GROW Mobile Library is located throughout the park every Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon.

■ During Hispanic Heritage Month, TCCL's Hispanic Resource Center, located at the Martin Regional Library, celebrated its 20th anniversary by getting a new look and welcoming a new coordinator, Amairani Perez. As the new coordinator, the Acapulco native who was raised in Tulsa said she is "dedicated to introducing ideas that will foster the preservation of the diverse Hispanic culture and encourage individuals to reach their potential when it comes to literacy, education and personal advancement." In observation of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Hispanic Resource Center hosted a variety of culturally focused events, including a Kermesse Hispana, featuring traditional crafts, music, food, wares from local artisans and bilingual storytimes. The monthlong celebration culminated with an enlightening conversation with Ingrid Rojas Contreras, author of the bestselling *Fruit of the Drunken Tree*, who shared her thoughts on numerous culturally relevant topics including the importance of having women as the storytellers of their narratives, especially in cultures that can at times be heavily dominated by gender politics and machismo, and the current state of immigration in the United States, especially her experiences working with immigrant students in San Francisco. Contreras said she feels it is imperative to remember that Latinx individuals have indigenous roots in America, something which is often forgotten in the immigrant narrative.

OCTOBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	Library Staff Training libraries closed	13	14	15	16	17
18	Books Sandwiched In 12:10-12:50 p.m. Central Library	20	21	22	23	24
25	Books Sandwiched In 12:10-12:50 p.m. Central Library	27	28	29	30	Halloween 31



HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019

■ Christian Robinson packed the house as the featured illustrator for TCCL's 2019 Books to Treasure program, held Nov. 15 at Hardesty Regional Library. More than 450 people of all ages gathered in Connor's Cove for the free, standing-room-only presentation by the beloved illustrator of such works as *Last Stop on Market Street*, written by Matt de la Peña, and *Another*, written and illustrated by Robinson, and selected as a *New York Times* best picture book of 2019. Robinson shared details about his long art career, which began as soon as he could hold a crayon, and he even drew a few animals for children in the audience. For Laura Raphael, children's services coordinator for TCCL, the most rewarding part was "watching children start to see themselves as future writers and illustrators. Our goal in children's services at the library is to help children fall in love with books and reading, but if we also create writers and illustrators, that's a wonderful thing!" Sponsored by the Tulsa Library Trust through a grant from the Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation, Books to Treasure has grown into a Tulsa tradition for all second-grade students in Tulsa County. As a part of the annual program, every second grader receives a free copy of the featured illustrator's book. This year, nearly 12,000 copies of *Gaston*, written by Kelly DiPucchio and illustrated by Robinson, were given out. Plus, thousands of second graders received a custom TCCL library card featuring an illustration from the featured book.

■ TCCL welcomed more than 200 library directors and 15 vendors from across the U.S. and even France to Central Library for the *Library Journal* Directors' Summit. "A House United: Strengthening the Social Fabric" was the theme of the two-day conference, held Nov. 7-8. This was the first time for TCCL to host the annual conference, which centered around the public library's role in the communities it serves and its impact on social cohesion and societal growth. TCCL CEO Kimberly Johnson kicked off the conference by leading a group tour around Tulsa that included the Gathering Place, Greenwood Cultural Center and TCCL's African-American Resource Center. At each stop, Johnson explained how TCCL partners with local businesses and organizations to help create a stronger community.

■ "Coming to pick up your holds? Let us come to you!" is the motto of TCCL's curbside delivery service. Originally piloted at the Hardesty Regional and Schusterman-Benson libraries, TCCL made curbside delivery available at five additional libraries – Central, Jenks, Kendall-Whittier, Nathan Hale and Zarrow Regional – beginning in fall 2019. Busy parents with babies and toddlers in tow especially love this convenience service.

■ TCCL's Sherrie Wallace, branch manager of the Suburban Acres Library, was one of 11 inaugural Doing Good Award winners, presented by *TulsaPeople* magazine, in November 2019. Wallace was recognized for her longevity with the library and for being one with "patience and compassion on how she goes above and beyond the library duties to provide an unwavering beacon of support to a community."

NOVEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Daylight Saving Time ends set clock back one hour Call 918-549-7323 for date of 2019 Books to Treasure event. 1	Books Sandwiched In 12:10-12:50 p.m. Central Library 2	3	4	5	6	7
8	Books Sandwiched In 12:10-12:50 p.m. Central Library 9	10	Veterans Day libraries closed 11	12	13	14
15	Books Sandwiched In 12:10-12:50 p.m. Central Library 16	17	18	19	20	21
22	Books Sandwiched In 12:10-12:50 p.m. Central Library 23	24	25	Thanksgiving Day libraries closed 26	27	28
29	Books Sandwiched In 12:10-12:50 p.m. Central Library 30	1	2	3	4	5



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HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019

■ Pulitzer Prize winner Stacy Schiff was blushing with pride for winning the 35th Annual Peggy V. Helmerich Distinguished Author Award. The American biographer said she was especially honored to follow 2018 Helmerich award winner Dame Hilary Mantel, whom she described as “a perfect miracle worker.” Schiff received the prestigious award at an elegant gala held amongst the bookshelves at Central Library on Dec. 6. Gala Chair Pam Hillis said at the black-tie dinner: “As you can see tonight, our past is rich and our present is strong. The beauty that surrounds you and the feast set before you are possible because of the 58 women and men on my committee who have been bighearted with their time and talent.” Earlier that same day, Schiff spoke to students from three area high schools – East Central, Rogers and Webster – at a special student presentation at Central Library.

The following morning, Schiff gave a free address, where she charmed and engaged the audience with a Q&A moderated by longtime *Tulsa World Scene* writer James D. Watts. The Helmerich award, which consists of a \$40,000 cash prize and an engraved crystal book, is given annually by TCCL and the Tulsa Library Trust to an internationally acclaimed author who has written a distinguished body of work and made a major contribution to the field of literature and letters. To date, Schiff has penned a nonfiction masterpiece about every five years, including most recently *The Witches: Salem, 1692* and *Cleopatra: A Life*.

■ Since reopening in 2016 after undergoing a \$55 million renovation, TCCL’s Central Library, located in the heart of downtown Tulsa, has received numerous awards and honors, including most recently the distinction of being recognized by *Library Journal* as one of 10 New Landmark Libraries. A panel of judges from the architecture, design and library fields, along with an *LJ* editor, reviewed applications and selected public libraries that demonstrated excellence in community engagement in design, sustainability, functionality, innovation, and beauty and delight. “With more than 50,000 visitors per month, our Central Library has become a true hub for the Tulsa County community,” said TCCL CEO Kimberly Johnson. “Here, we empower our customers to fulfill their dreams – whether it’s starting a business, connecting to their culture, building young readers, or even planning their dream wedding. With the variety, convenience and quality of services we offer, our customers are able to dream bigger than ever before.” As a New Landmark Library, TCCL’s Central Library will serve as a guide – and incentive – for public library design that can meet today’s challenges and create tomorrow’s opportunities.

DECEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	1	2	3	Peggy V. Helmerich Distinguished Author Award Gala Central Library Call 918-549-7323 for reservations.	Peggy V. Helmerich Distinguished Author Award Public Presentation 10:30 a.m. Central Library
				Hanukkah begins at sundown		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	Winter begins	22	23	Christmas Eve libraries closed	Christmas Day libraries closed	Kwanzaa begins
27	28	29	30	New Year’s Eve	1	2

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Pictured, left to right: (seated) Leanne Helmerich, Richard D. White Jr., Sally Frasier, La Verne Ford Wimberly; (standing) Karen Keith, Charles O. Meyers Jr., Judy Randle, William L. Peacher, Moises Echeverria.

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Founded in 1957 and incorporated in 1968 as a nonprofit organization, the Friends of the Tulsa City-County Libraries group sponsors an annual Adult Creative Writing Contest, fall and spring Books Sandwiched In series, First Book program that provides books to pre-K students in schools in low-income communities, Great Decisions foreign-policy discussion series, Travels With Tulsans, TCCL staff scholarships, and other programs and events to aid and promote Tulsa City-County Library's activities and goals.

FRIENDS OF THE HELMERICH LIBRARY

Since its inception in 2004, the Friends of the Helmerich Library group has given more than \$101,000 to benefit TCCL locations. Every April, this dedicated group hosts a very successful Book Sale and uses the proceeds to fund programming across the TCCL system. In 2019, the group raised nearly \$9,000 from the Book Sale and awarded funds to 14 TCCL branches and the adult literacy service, plus provided funding for bicycles for the grand-prize drawing for the Children's Summer Reading Program, as well as funding for performers for the Storytime in the Park series. For its exemplary service, the Friends of the Helmerich Library received the Oklahoma Best Friends Award, presented by Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma at the 2019 Oklahoma Library Association Conference in March.

OTHER FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY GROUPS

FRIENDS OF THE COLLINSVILLE LIBRARY

This group supports the Collinsville Library by offering an ongoing book sale; sponsoring Collinsville Book Discussion, All Thumbs Knitters and Patchworkers Quilting programs; and through generous donations.

FRIENDS OF GENEALOGY

Founded in 1998, this group supports the Genealogy Resource Center, located at Hardesty Regional Library, through memberships and donations.

FRIENDS OF THE JUDY Z. KISHNER LIBRARY

This group meets at 11 a.m. on the third Tuesday of the month, September through May, and supports the Judy Z. Kushner Library by donating time and funds to enhance library programs and services for the Sperry community.

FRIENDS OF THE RUDISILL REGIONAL LIBRARY

This group supports the Rudisill Regional Library and the African-American Resource Center by raising funds, volunteering at library programs, encouraging new customers to use the library, and supporting TCCL staff in continuing education with the Freddie Martin Rudisill Scholarship Award.

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