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LIBRARY TRUST

shaping the library's future

Last summer, 45,639 children and teens participated in Tulsa City-County Library's summer reading program. They earned rewards for reading, such as medals of achievement for children and drawstring backpacks for teens/tweens. Plus, they enjoyed hundreds of free activities and events, including performances by leading musicians, magicians and storytellers.

The summer reading program is one of the many programs and services made possible because of the Tulsa Library Trust.

"Thanks to the generosity of individuals, foundations and corporations, the Tulsa Library Trust provides the extra funding for valuable programs and services that the library cannot afford through its regular budget," said Larry Bartley, Trust and development director, Tulsa City-County Library. "We have such a great library system and that's due in part to the Trust and all the extras it provides to make our system stand out."

In 1972 the Tulsa Library Trust was formed as a nonprofit organization to receive and administer donations for services and programs beyond the funding capabilities of the Tulsa City-County Library's annual operating budget. The library's operating budget pays for maintenance, utilities, staffing and thousands of new materials each year. However, the budget does not cover funding for many of the library's most favorite programs and services.

Thanks to funding from the Tulsa Library Trust, the library is able to offer:

- Children's and teen summer reading programs
- Adult literacy tutoring and family literacy outreach
- Young People's Creative Writing Contest
- African-American Resource Center programs
- Hispanic Resource Center programs
- American Indian Resource Center programs
- Asian-American Festival
- Anne V. Zarrow Award for Young Readers' Literature
- Books to Treasure
- Peggy V. Helmerich Distinguished Author Award
- Performances by nationally known storytellers and musicians at Connor's Cove Theater
- Replacement of worn-out picture books
- Specialized book purchases
- Building enhancement projects



The Trust also provides a free book for each child who participates in PAWS for Reading, an individualized program to help children improve their literacy skills and gain confidence by reading aloud to a registered therapy dog. Several Tulsa City-County Library locations offer PAWS for Reading programs each month. Check the Children's Programming section of this event guide for listings.

ways to help

The Trust serves our community by cultivating the love of reading and establishing lifelong learning opportunities. The Trust depends on financial gifts to pay for valuable programs today and build the endowment fund for the future.

Ways to help include making a gift donation, giving a gift in memory of a loved one, or including the Trust in your will or estate plan.

Donations to the Tulsa Library Trust are tax-deductible. To make a donation or for more information, visit <http://tulsalibrarytrust.org> or call 918-549-7363.

