



## TULSA CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY TO PRESENT ASIAN-AMERICAN FESTIVAL

Celebrate and learn about the customs and traditions of Asian-Americans with entertaining, educational events for the entire family as Tulsa City-County Library presents its 17th annual Asian-American Festival from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 22 at the Martin Regional Library, 2601 S. Garnett Road. The festival is sponsored and funded by the Tulsa Library Trust. Admission is free.

The festival features martial arts demonstrations; traditional dance presentations; authentic arts and crafts booths; interactive educational booths featuring hands-on crafts and activities; an exhibition of children's artwork from Kyoto, Japan, courtesy of the Office of the Oklahoma Secretary of State; plus, a food concession with traditional Asian cuisine provided by KAI Burmese Cuisine, Cha Bubble Tea and Sushi Train.

Scheduled presentations and performances include: Lion dance by Tulsa Kung Fu; Chinese dance by Chinese American Association of Tulsa; Kendo demonstration by Shin Sou Fu Kan, Tulsa Kendo Club; Hmong dance by Niam Laus Niam Hluas; Japanese sword demonstration by Iaido Tulsa; Korean dance by the Korean Angels of Tulsa; Tai Chi with Thomas Academy of Tai Chi/Kung Fu; and a traditional Japanese tea ceremony with Yumie Farringer.

Booths include: AEP/PSO Asian-American Employee Partnership; Asian Antiques Association; Chinese American Association of Tulsa; Confucius Institute at the University of Oklahoma; Disaster Resilience Cross-Cultural Council; Sandy Hall (Asian furniture, etc.); India Association of Greater Tulsa; Niam Laus Niam Hluas; Oklahoma Mahjong; La Petite Camionnette Origami; Philbrook Museum; Philippine American Association; Tam Bao Buddhist Temple; Tokyo in Tulsa; Tulsa Japanese Friendship Club; Tulsa Sister City-Beihai, China; Tulsa Sister City-Utsunomiya, Japan; and YWCA Tulsa.

Visit [www.tulsalibrary.org/asianfestival](http://www.tulsalibrary.org/asianfestival) for a complete schedule of presentations and booths, or call 918-549-7323 for more information about the Asian-American Festival.



## SAIED PARTNERS WITH SCHOOLS TO CREATE ARTISTIC PIANOS

Twelve public school art departments were invited to design and paint an upright piano provided by Saied Music Company to create a display of art and music for Mayfest. After its Mayfest debut, each piano was relocated to an outdoor public space throughout the community, making it accessible for everyone to enjoy. Pianos were collected for more than a year by Saied Music in preparation for the project. Local school art departments (including several TPS schools, Bixby, Jenks, Union, and BA) submitted their own design concepts and Anchor Paint provided the paint needed for the pianos.

"Play Me, Tulsa!" pianos will be accessible to be played by the public at host locations until their removal at the end of July. Host locations include Gathering Place, Kendall Whittier Square, ahha, Jenks Riverwalk, and H.A. Chapman Centennial Green. A final list of each piano and its designated host location will be on the "Play Me, Tulsa!" website, [playmetulsa.com](http://playmetulsa.com)



TULSAKIDS COVER KID, THEN AND NOW: ISAAH'S MOM WRITES THAT ISAAH IS GOING INTO FIFTH GRADE NEXT YEAR. HE LOVES RIDING HIS BIKE WITH THE OKLAHOMA FLYERS AND FLY FISHING.

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# summer reading, blast off!

## LAUNCH INTO SUMMER WITH THE 2019 SUMMER READING PROGRAM: A UNIVERSE OF STORIES



**A** quick history lesson: Tulsa City-County Library's Summer Reading Program, as we know it, started in the summer of 1982. The theme was the 20-year anniversary of the library as a city-county system, and it was strictly for school-aged children. Encouraging the love of reading was the primary goal, and kids who finished the program earned a shiny reading medal they could wear proudly around their necks.

In its essence, the Summer Reading Program of 2019 is the same.

We still emphasize the love of reading. And kids who finish the program still walk away with a shiny medal to wear proudly.

But nearly four decades later, the Summer Reading Program is so much MORE. First, MORE programs: There are now four distinct programs for each age bracket (Birth to Pre-K, Children's, Tween & Teen and Adult), MORE rewards and prizes. And MORE free entertainment at every library branch.

To participate, simply visit one of the 24 Tulsa City-County Library locations (and bookmobile!) and sign up for the 2019 Summer Reading Program, which kicked off on May 28 and will end

August 3.

"A Universe of Stories" is the space-age theme, and there's a program for every age – babies, children, teens AND adults – with special prizes, events and coupons for all!

Visit [www.tulsalibrary.org/summer](http://www.tulsalibrary.org/summer) for more information.

**5 Facts to Remember about the 2019 Summer Reading Program:**

**1. It runs May 28 through August 3.** 10 weeks of summer fun!

**2. There is a program for everyone at all library locations!** Babies and preschoolers, children, tweens and teens AND adults can all participate! Drop in one of our 24 library locations (or the bookmobile) around Tulsa or

Tulsa County.

**3. For babies, preschoolers and children, read (or have read to) 8 books + make 4 library visits = earn a medal and book of coupons for free food and entertainment.** Babies, preschoolers and children who complete the program also are entered in a grand prize drawing.

**4. If babies, preschoolers and children read (or have read to them) 12 more books = earn a bonus prize!** Babies and preschoolers will earn a plush cow jumping over the moon toy, and children win an inflatable space shuttle.

**5. FREE family entertainment – in the library!** From magicians to rock bands, puppet shows to juggling acts, there is

something cool scheduled at all of our library locations nearly every day this summer. Check out [www.tulsalibrary.org/summer](http://www.tulsalibrary.org/summer) for a full list of events.

**What do kids earn? What can they win?**

When babies, preschoolers, and children who are entering 5th grade complete their programs, they will receive their own medal and a coupon book, with coupons for:

- Admission to Tulsa State Fair
- Cinnamon sticks from Mazzio's Italian Eatery
- Admission to Tulsa Drillers game
- Admission to Tulsa Zoo
- Decorated cookie from Merritt's Bakery
- Round-trip bus ride on Tulsa Transit
- 8-piece chicken wings from Papa John's
- Admission to Tulsa Air and Space Museum & Planetarium
- Admission to Discovery Lab
- Admission to Safari Joe's H2O
- Bomb Pop or cookie from Smitty's Garage
- Admission to Oklahoma Aquarium
- Admission to Tulsa Roughnecks FC game

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- Frozen custard one scoop vanilla or chocolate cone from Freccies Frozen Custard

For grand prizes, babies and preschoolers who complete the program will be entered to win one of 10 \$50 gift cards to the Kid-diestix toy store.

- School-aged children who complete the program will be entered to win one of these grand prizes:

- Bicycle with helmet, provided by the Friends of the Helmetch Library and Tulsa Sunrise Rotary, with special assistance from Phat Tire Bike Shop (eight bikes and helmets will be given away)

- Hornsby Birthday Party Experience courtesy of the Tulsa Drillers

- Family membership to the Oklahoma Aquarium

- Mazzio's Italian Eatery pizza party for 10 (10 parties will be given away)

- Aviator (Family) member-

ship to the Tulsa Air and Space Museum & Planetarium

- Tulsa Roughnecks FC Voucher for 2020 Family Stand tickets to any Roughnecks regular season home game, provided by the Tulsa Roughnecks FC

- Set of four tickets to OKC Thunder vs. Dallas Mavericks pre-season game at BOK Center on Oct. 8, 2019 (two sets will be given away)

- Fishing trip with News on 6 Anchor Tess Maune, plus fishing gear, with special assistance from Five Oaks Lodge (six kids will win the fishing trip)

- Tulsa State Fair Mega Ride Pass wristband. (25 wristbands will be given away!) The ride wristband includes unlimited rides for all 11 days of the 2019 Tulsa State Fair, Sept. 26-Oct. 6, as well as gate admission. All midway rides are included; excludes extreme rides.

### PEOPLE LOVE MAGAZINES.

The average time spent on a website is **2 minutes.**

what is the average  
TIME SPENT  
READING A MAGAZINE?

**20-25**  
MINUTES



(Digital First Content Marketing: the Return of Print - CMO by AdAge, 2016)

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FOR  
ALL  
AGES!

BIRTH  
TO  
PRE-K

CHILDREN

TEENS &  
TWEENS

ADULTS



Earn great prizes and coupons  
for food and local recreation!  
Attend awesome free events!  
Read for the fun of it!

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program ends on Aug. 3 to sign  
up and get a reading log and  
Summer Reading Program  
*My Library* Event Guide.

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[www.TulsaLibrary.org/summer](http://www.TulsaLibrary.org/summer).

