

Tulsa City-County Library



Rejuvenated to meet the needs of the 21st-century customer, Tulsa City-County Library's state-of-the-art Central Library features an audio recording lab for budding musicians, a maker space with 3-D printers and desktop carver, and a digital literacy lab offering programs and workshops focusing on digital learning and videography, computer programming and coding, robotics, game design, and stop-motion animation production.

Tulsa City-County Library (TCCL), composed of 24 public libraries located throughout Tulsa County, provides informational, educational, and recreational resources and services to nearly 400,000 registered library cardholders.

The prestigious Central Connecticut State University's 2016 Most Literate Cities Study, released in February 2017, ranked Tulsa No. 8 in library services in the nation. Tulsa remained in the Top 25 Most Literate Cities in the overall study. TCCL's resources and accessibility regularly have placed Tulsa among the Top 10 libraries in the country. Libraries and locally produced publications were the two measures vaulting Tulsa into the Top 25. Tulsa has ranked in the Top 25 in the overall study since it was first initiated in 2003.

Each and every day, TCCL changes someone's life for the better—whether it is providing free online tutoring for a student struggling with his studies, showing an entrepreneur the steps to start a small business, assisting an unemployed worker with his résumé, or helping a parent improve her reading skills so that she can share a story with her child.

TCCL's mission statement is "Libraries Change Lives." TCCL envisions Tulsa communities working together, where all are knowledgeable, and where everyone is reaching for his or her full potential.

TCCL changes lives through its three main goals:

- 1) Promote lifelong learning and literacy in all forms;
- 2) Contribute to stronger communities;
- 3) Cultivate engaged employees.

To promote lifelong learning and help children succeed and grow up able to compete globally, TCCL offers a multitude of resources, programs, and services, including: a free online homework assistance service powered by Brainfuse HelpNow, free After-School Homework Clubs, Build A Reader

preschool and lapsit story times, and an annual Summer Reading Program, to name just a few.

TCCL also offers programs that bring to Tulsa internationally and nationally acclaimed authors and individuals who represent the diversity of the community, including: the biennial American Indian Writers Award, which recognizes the written contributions of outstanding American Indian authors, poets, journalists, and film and stage scriptwriters; the annual Anne V. Zarrow for Young Readers' Literature, which recognizes nationally acclaimed authors who have made a significant contribution to the field of literature for children and young adults; the annual Book to Treasure program, which features a children's book illustrator to celebrate the beauty and power of children's literature; the annual Peggy V. Helmerich Distinguished Author Award, which recognizes internationally acclaimed authors who have written a distinguished body of work and made a major contribution to the field of literature and letters; and the biennial Sankofa Freedom Award, which recognizes a nationally prominent author whose life's work positively addresses the range and complexity of cultural, economic, and political issues affecting the greater African-American community.

Tulsa City-County Library Means Business!

TCCL's goals also encompass great aspirations for Tulsa County's economic development. TCCL's Research Wizard is a unique service offering professional research and information gathering assistance to companies, organizations, and individuals. The service designs tailored, on-demand information products for its clients and delivers them on a fee basis.

Research Wizard relies upon TCCL's extensive business and technology collection, as well as

additional sources outside the library's collection, to match business problems to sources that will provide good solutions. Robust subscription databases representing major national publishers of business information are among its cache of tools. Research projects are generally directed toward the following broad categories:

Customers and Competitors:

Research Wizard helps companies find information on their competitors and locate new customers.

Market Research and Industry Analysis:

Research Wizard queries a highly diverse collection of information sources to help companies and organizations identify and understand their markets.

Intellectual Property Protection:

Research Wizard performs full trademark screenings for companies and law firms.

Technology, Products, and Processes:

Client research incorporates technology reviews, patent literature, new product announcements, government regulation, and industry codes.

GIS Mapping and Graphic Presentation:

Through its GIS mapping services, Research Wizard identifies, collects, and manages statistical data for demographic and market analysis.

Global Business:

Research Wizard uses library tools to identify the best foreign markets and global suppliers.

Database Construction Services:

Research Wizard will build custom databases for clients.

Research Wizard has been a part of TCCL for more than 30 years. Visit researchwizard.org or call 918.549.7431 for more information. To learn more about TCCL and all the many great resources, services, and programs it has to offer the community, visit tulsalibrary.org or call 918.549.7323.