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Novelist and short-story writer Richard Ford is coming to Tulsa in December to receive the 2017 Peggy V. Helmerich Distinguished Author Award.

For 40 years, Ford has portrayed everyday contemporary middle-class American life in such works as *The Sportswriter*, *Independence Day*, *The Lay of the Land* and *Let Me Be Frank With You*. Earlier this year, he released his first nonfiction title, *Between Them: Remembering My Parents*, a memoir which has received many favorable reviews.

For his body of work and contribution to the field of literature and letters, the Tulsa City-County Library and Tulsa Library Trust will honor Ford with the 33rd annual Peggy V. Helmerich Distinguished Author Award, which consists of a \$40,000 cash prize and engraved crystal book. He will receive the award at a black-tie gala on Dec. 1 and will give a free public address on Dec. 2 at 10:30 a.m. Both events will take place at Central Library, Fifth Street and Denver Avenue.

The Friends of the Tulsa City-County Libraries will offer “A Richard Ford Sampler” as a part of its popular Books Sandwiched In series on Nov. 27 at 12:10 p.m. at Central Library in Aaronson Auditorium. Adrian Alexander, dean of the University of Tulsa’s McFarlin Library and chair of the Distinguished Author Award Selection Committee, will review a selection of Ford’s work, highlighting its significance and impact. For more information, visit www.helmerichaward.org or call 918-549-7323.

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