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The Tulsa City-County Library treasures books, but we treasure children more! That's the idea behind the Books To Treasure program, which is celebrating its 15th anniversary in 2017.

The goal is to celebrate the beauty and power of children's literature and inspire a love of reading in children. Sponsored by the Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation since 2003, Books To Treasure has grown into an area tradition for all second-grade students in Tulsa County.

Tulsa City-County Library Youth Librarians visit schools during the month of October to speak to students about this year's special book and the author. They also tell students about the importance of reading and the library. All second-graders have an opportunity to get a unique library card highlighting artwork from the featured book. This illustrated card is only available to them. Even if your second-grader already has one, they can replace it with this one-of-a-kind card.

This year, every second-grader in Tulsa County will receive a copy of "Extraordinary Jane," written and illustrated by Hannah E. Harrison. The author will give a public presentation at the Hardesty Regional Library's Connor Cove on Friday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. This is an amazing opportunity for children to witness the creativity and passion that goes into illustrating a book, and to meet a real-life illustrator.

In 2016, Tulsa County second-grade students received over 12,000 free books and 3,000 special library cards as part of the Books To Treasure program.

Books by Hannah E. Harrison:

Extraordinary Jane (featured book): Jane the dog doesn't have a unique talent in the circus like the rest of her family, until the ringmaster discovers what is truly special about her.

My Friend Maggie: Paula and Maggie are best friends until Paula starts playing with some new friends instead, but when her new playmates turn on her, it's Maggie who rushes to Paula's defense.



Bernice Gets Carried Away: Having missed out on the other treats at a friend's birthday party, a grumpy cat grabs all of the balloons and floats into the sky, where she sees that her problems are not so big, after all.

Remy and Lulu: A down-on-his-luck painter with poor eyesight teams up with a dog with a knack for painting portraits.

You can request these books at www.tulsalibrary.org.



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