

Celebrate Kwanzaa At Rudisill Regional Library

Since the creation of Kwanzaa in the 1960s, the week-long event has established itself as an annual celebration of community enrichment. Families are invited to "A Kwanzaa Community Celebration" December 27, 6:30 p.m. at Rudisill Regional Library, 1520 N. Hartford.

This event is sponsored by the Tulsa City-County Library's African-American Resource Center.

Join African-American dancers and drummers to celebrate the harvest and the beginning of a successful year. You and your family are invited to showcase talents for music, singing, dancing, and spoken word during the "Mamanem" segment. Families also can call out names of loved ones during the candle lighting to honor those who have gone before us, including ancestors.

"It is important to celebrate our African ancestral heritage with our children, so that important lessons from the past translate to today. During Kwanzaa, we celebrate the New Year, honor our ancestors and light candles in memory of the ones who went before," said Alicia Latimer, Tulsa City-County Library's African-American Resource Center coordinator.

The Seven Principles Of Kwanzaa Are:

- Umoja (unity) – Maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race.
- Kujichagulia (self-determination) – Define, name, create and speak for ourselves.
- Ujima (collective work and responsibility) – Build and maintain community together and solve problems as a group.
- Ujamaa (cooperative economics) – Build and maintain stores and shops, and profit from them together.
- Nia (purpose) – Make building the community a collective vocation.
- Kuumba (creativity) – Do as much as possible to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than before.
- Imani (faith) – Believe in our people, parents, teachers and leaders.

For more information on Tulsa City-County Library programming, call the AskUs Hotline, 918-549-7323, or visit the library's webpage, www.tulsalibrary.org.

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