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The Owasso Reporter, along with other neighboring community newspapers and the Tulsa World, is now a part of the BH Media Group, and we couldn't be happier. Although we've grown, we want to assure you that our focus is the same: giving you reliable, local news coverage and supporting your community.

We have the largest newsroom in Northeast Oklahoma; and now more than ever, with the inclusion of your community weekly newspaper, we are able to offer you even more local news and events, classifieds, coupon savings and entertainment.

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Library Corner

— Jennifer McQuade
Owasso Branch Manager

Library has two Summer Reading Programs

Most of you know about the Summer Reading Program for children at the library, but did you know we also have a Summer Reading Program for adults?

Ages 18 and up can complete the program by reading or listening to four books. Earn coupons for free treats from our sponsors and a chance to win a Kindle e-book reader.

This year the theme is "Migrations." I encourage you to participate in the Adult Summer Reading Program by reading this year's pick for the library's One Book, One Tulsa program, *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson.

In the book, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Wilkerson tells the story of the migration of black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities in search of a better life. The migration of almost six million people from 1915-70 changed the face of America.

In her review of the book, Adult Services Librarian Cindy Hulsey says: "Wilkerson uses lyrical language to paint a captivating picture of three individuals who made this arduous journey; all to different destinations during different decades. Wilkerson relates the compelling stories of these three

Ayana Mathis. The book begins in 1923, when 15-year-old Hattie Shepherd flees Georgia and settles in Philadelphia, hoping for a chance at a better life.



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Instead, she marries a man who will bring her nothing but disappointment and becomes a mother to 11 children. After a heartbreaking loss, she is determined to raise children who are prepared to face a difficult and cruel world.

The story is told in twelve narrative threads, from the perspectives of Hattie and her children. Their lives tell the tale of a mother's monumental courage and the journey of a nation. I found this book impossible to put down and unforgettable. This is one of those books you remember for years after reading.

Several book discussions are planned for these two books this summer:

- The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson
Thursday, June 18, 1:30 p.m., Jenks Library
- Monday, July 13, 1:30 p.m., Brookside Library
- Wednesday, July 29, 2 p.m., Libarium
- The Twelve Tribes of Hattie* by Ayana Mathis
Tuesday, June 2, 6:30 p.m., Broken Arrow Library

On behalf of all of us at BH Media Group I want to personally welcome you into our print and digital audience.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Masterson, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

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macro-event she brings meaning to this demographic shift and depicts her subjects as flawed, but empathetic characters. The short chapters, which alternate among the three voices, make this lengthy book easy to read, and the vivid imagery makes it as gripping as a novel."

I also recommend the companion novel, *The Twelve Tribes of Hattie* by

Wilkerson will kick off One Book, One Tulsa by discussing her book. Wilkerson's visit is in partnership with the John Hope Franklin Center for Reconciliation, and her visit will also open their annual Symposium.

You will need a library card to participate in the Adult Summer Reading Program. You can apply online here: www.tulsalibrary.org/application.



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