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# **Books to Treasure illustrator to share talent with families**

By John Fancher Tulsa City-County Library jfanche@tulsalibrary.org

Peter Brown, a multiple New York Times bestseller, is the featured illustrator for Tulsa City-County Library's 2013 "Books to Treasure," an annual event promoting the beauty of children's literature and introducing the community to popular book illustrators.

Brown will speak, answer questions and sign copies of his books during a special visit on Nov. 8, 7 p.m. at Hardesty Regional Library's Connor's Cove, 8316 E. 93rd St. This event is free and open to the public.

Brown has authored or illustrated 14 books for children and families. His

book "The Creepy Carrots" was a 2013 Caldecott Honor Book and a New York Times Bestseller. Other books on the New York Times' Bestseller list include "You Will Be My Friend!" "Children Make Terrible Pets," "The Curious Garden" and "Mr. Tiger Goes Wild."

Brown studied illustration at Art Center College of Design, where his love of both words and pictures led to several courses on children's books. While working on animated TV shows he was hired to write and illustrate his first picture book, "Flight of the Dodo."

"Books to Treasure" is sponsored by the Tulsa Library Trust through a grant from the Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation. The Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation is providing one free copy of Brown's "You Will Be My Friend!" to each second-grader in Tulsa County. Students also have the opportunity to receive a special library card featuring artwork from the book. "You Will Be My Friend" follows Lucy throughout her day on the quest for friendship. After accidentally ruining a giraffe's breakfast and eating a bee's honey-filled home, an unexpected friend finds her and loves her just the way she is.

To enhance the author's visit, Tulsa City-County Library children's librarians have visited secondgrade classes at all public and private schools in Tulsa County to promote the program. Librarians



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spoke with students on the importance of reading and having a library card. Librarians also created specific lesson plans using Brown's books focusing on curriculum areas such as reading, math, writing, science and social studies.

For more information on

"Books to Treasure," call the AskUs Hotline, 918-549-7323, or visit the library's webpage, www.tulsalibrary.org.

# Visit Cherokee Nation museums during 'Heritage' month

By Tim Landes Cherokee Nation Business tim.landes@cn-bus.com

Throughout the month of November, all three CheroH. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 "National American Indian Heritage Month." Similar proclamations, under variants on the

Cherokee Nation's story is told in our museums. I encourage you to take advantage of the free admission next month to visit all three of our museums and learn name (including "Native more about our culture papers, and the Cherokee language, with a variety of historical items, including photos, stories, objects and furniture.

The Cherokee National Prison was the only peniIndian Territory. The historic site features a working blacksmith area and reconstructed gallows. Today's museum offers an interactive kiosk to learn stories of Age and Cherokee Nation's passion for the education of its people.

The Cherokee National Supreme Court Museum is located at 122 E. Keenotorious Cherokees and toowah St., and the CheroNovember, all three Cherolation museums are offering free museum adon in celebration of tive American Heritage

nerokee Nation museums include the Cherokee National Supreme Court Museum, the Cherokee National Prison Museum and the John Ross Museum.

In 1990, President George

name (including "Native American Heritage Month" and "National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month") have been issued each year since 1994.

"As we celebrate Native American Heritage this month, it is fitting that we share our Cherokee history and heritage," said Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Bill John Baker. "The

more about our culture Prison was the only peniand our people." tentiary building in Indian Originally built in 1844, Territory from 1875 to the Cherokee National Su-1901. It housed sentenced preme Court Museum is and accused prisoners from throughout the ter-Oklahoma's oldest public building. The 1,950-squareritory. Built of sandstone foot museum features rock, the prison was made to hold the most hardened exhibits in three historic and dangerous prisoners. aspects: the Cherokee National Judicial System, the The interpretive site and Cherokee Advocate and museum show visitors how Cherokee Phoenix newslaw and order operated in notorious Cherokees and how they were perceived as outlaws in the Cherokee Nation, while others were revered as patriots.

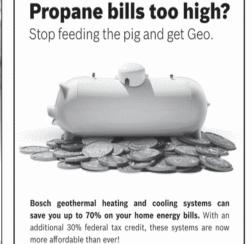
The John Ross Museum highlights the life of John Ross, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation for more than 38 years, and houses exhibits and interactive displays on the Trail of Tears, Civil War, Cherokee Golden

toowah St., and the Cher kee National Prison Mu seum is at 124 E. Choctaw St., both in Tahlequah. The John Ross Museum is lo cated at 22366 S. 530 Rd. in Park Hill, Okla.

For information on Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism, including museum operations, please call (877) 779-6977 or visit www. CherokeeTourismOK.com.







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