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Adult Literacy Service**



Nov. 3

NEWSLETTER

October 30, 2020

Conversation Circles on Zoom

Mondays: 1-2:30 p.m.

Tuesdays: 3-4:30 p.m.

**Wednesdays:
10-11:30 a.m.**

Join Fatima and other English language learners for fun and friendly virtual classes where you can practice your English speaking and listening skills.

Contact Fatima at
918-549-7400 or
fatima.zehra@tulsalibrary.org
to ask questions or
to register.

In Their Own Words: Join Us!

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"My name is Ainhoa. I am from Spain. I have been living five years in the United States, in Tulsa. The hardest part of learning English for me is speaking more than listening. Both were hard when I arrived here, but now I understand more.

I knew of Zoom because I started to use it in my ESL class, before I joined the Conversation Circles. Using Zoom was easier than I thought. Some words to encourage other learners can be, 'Make the first step to joining us, and everything will be easier for you.' We don't feel forced to do or say anything we don't want. We can talk about different themes with freedom. It does not matter how we speak or pronounce the language. All of us can understand one another. We feel very relaxed in class. Fatima, the teacher, makes this possible.

We also have fun in class. Fatima is very respectful. She is knowledgeable about many things, many subjects. She knows a lot of words and synonyms. She teaches us what she knows, and we enjoy her teaching."

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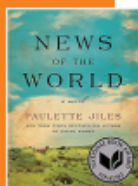
Books IN SANDWICHED

MONDAYS ON ZOOM
12:10-12:50 P.M.

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NOV. 2

News of the World by Paulette Jiles



In the wake of the Civil War, Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd travels through northern Texas, giving live readings from newspapers to paying audiences hungry for news of the world. In Wichita Falls, he is offered \$50 to deliver a young orphan to her relatives in San Antonio. Four years earlier, a band of Kiowa raiders killed Johanna's parents and sister; sparing the little girl, they raised her as one of their own. Their 400-mile journey south through unsettled territory and unforgiving terrain proves difficult and at times dangerous. Johanna has forgotten the English language and tries to escape at every opportunity. Yet as the miles pass, the two lonely survivors tentatively begin to trust each other, forming a bond that marks the difference between life and death in this treacherous land.

SPEAKER: SLOAN DAVIS is an associate professor of English at Tulsa Community College.

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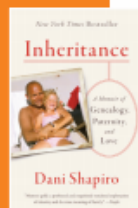
Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate and *Before and After* by Judy Christie and Lisa Wingate

Based on one of America's most notorious real-life scandals—in which Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country—Lisa Wingate's bestselling novel *Before We Were Yours* reminds us how, even though the paths we take can lead to many places, the heart never forgets where we belong. Her nonfiction follow-up, *Before and After*, written with journalist Judy Christie, documents the true stories of 15 adoptees, many of whom set out to trace their roots and find their birth families.

SPEAKER: DIANE POTTS, PH.D., is professor of human services at Tulsa Community College.

NOV. 16

Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity and Love by Dani Shapiro



In the spring of 2016, through a genealogy website to which she had casually submitted her DNA for analysis, Dani Shapiro received the stunning news that her beloved deceased father was not her biological father. Over the course of a single day, her entire history—the life she had lived—crumbled beneath her. *Inheritance* is a book about secrets. It is the story of a woman's urgent quest to unlock the story of her own identity, a story that had been scrupulously hidden from her for more than 50 years. It is a book about the extraordinary moment we live in, a moment in which science and technology have outpaced not only medical ethics but also the capacities of the human heart to contend with the consequences of what we discover.

SPEAKER: ARLENE CHELMERS is a retired management consulting firm vice president and corporate trainer.

NOV. 23



Save Me the Plums: My Gourmet Memoir by Ruth Reichl

When *Condé Nast* offered Ruth Reichl the top position at America's oldest epicurean magazine, she declined. She was a writer, not a manager, and had no inclination to be anyone's boss. Yet Reichl had been reading *Gourmet* since she was 8; it had inspired her career. How could she say no? This is the story of a former Berkeley hippie entering the corporate world and worrying about losing her soul. It is the story of the moment restaurants became an important part of popular culture, a time when the rise of the farm-to-table movement changed forever the way we eat. Readers meet legendary chefs and a colorful group of editors and art directors who, under Reichl's leadership, transformed stately *Gourmet* into a cutting-edge publication.

SPEAKER: HILARY KITZ, who trained at Madeleine Kamman's The Modern Gourmet cooking school, has lived and cooked in Tulsa for over 40 years.

Email Friends@TulsaLibrary.org for links to participate in any of these book talks via Zoom, a virtual meeting platform. These programs are webinar-style, so a camera and microphone are not needed to attend.

Looking for your next great read? Let TCCL help!

Simply click on and fill out one of the surveys below to help TCCL librarians understand your reading preferences, interests and history. They will develop a custom reading guide with suggested authors and titles you might enjoy. This service is free to Tulsa City-County Library cardholders.

Adult Survey (ages 18+)



Tween and Teen Survey (ages 12-17)



Keeping Updated on COVID-19

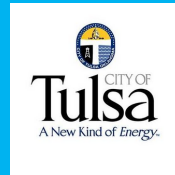
Do you know where to find the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 and the affects it is having on your community? Check out these resources!



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A Bilingual Tool That Fights Misinformation On WhatsApp

October 24, 2020 · 5:19 PM ET

Heard on [All Things Considered](#)

NPR's Michel Martin speaks with Cristina Tardaguila of the Poynter Institute's International Fact-Checking Network about disinformation targeting Spanish-speaking voters in the United States.

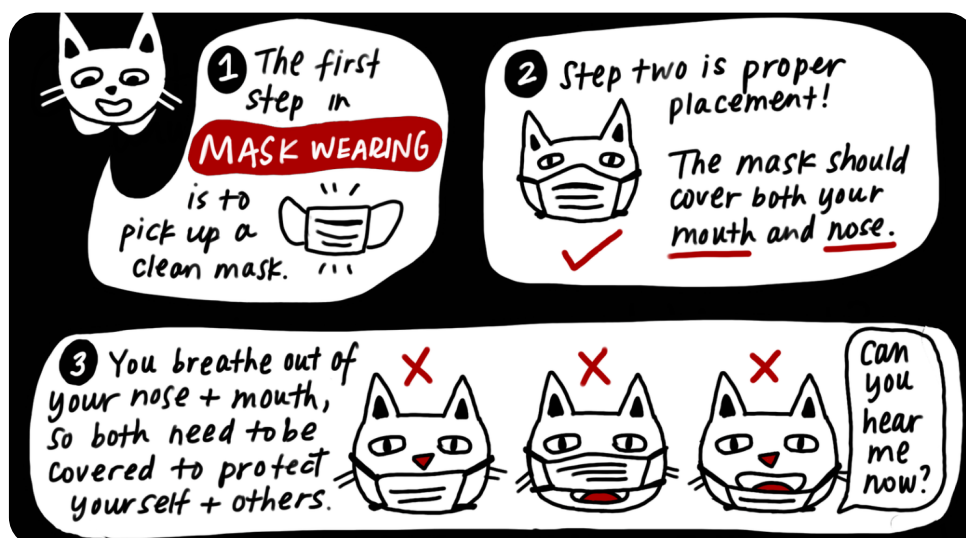


7-Minute Listen

+ PLAYLIST



Click for the full comic, "You're Wearing It Wrong! A Face Mask Safety Refresher."





November challenge! Try out a library ebook or downloadable audiobook.



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Learners and tutors, don't forget that you can contact Alisa for all your digital device and computer questions.

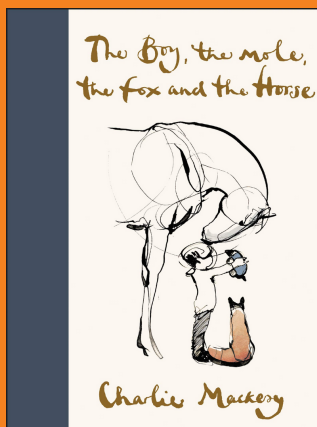
Call 918-549-7400 or email
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ATTENTION: We have two Book Club meetings in November!

Monday, Nov. 23 at 6:30 p.m.
"A Book for Which I Am Thankful"



Share a book of your choosing at this book club meeting! What's your favorite book? Bring it, show it, talk about it. If you do not choose to present a book, you are still invited and welcome to attend.



Monday, Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m.

We will discuss "The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse" by Charlie Mackesy.

[Click here for a book reading on Youtube](#) - only 16 minutes long!

Contact Cleo at cleo.berninger@tulsalibrary.org or 918-549-7400 for the Zoom link or to get a copy of the book.

Click on the text or image to learn more about these resources and events!

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Need a BRAIN BUILDER KIT?



Adult Basic Specialist Cleo has developed brain builder packets for learners.

They can be sent to your local library for pickup!

Call or email the Literacy Office for details.

Fatima's Recommended Resource!

Stickyball.net offers resources for teachers, including ESL worksheets, grammar exercises, writing exercises, phrasal verbs worksheets and an ever-growing bank of easy, useful games and activities for ESL tutors and learners.

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