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**WRITERS EDITION**

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In March 2019, Dennis Obong Awoii was at the library researching and writing the first draft of what he hoped would become his first book. He was struggling with the fact that completing this nonfiction political piece was going to require him to travel. That is when he spotted a promotional notice about TCCL’s Adult Creative Writing Contest and the sparks began to fly!

“When I saw this advert about the story-writing competition, I thought, well, I could write a fiction book instead as that would allow me to just form thoughts about the storyline and do some research here and there to make it happen, instead of having to travel and leave my family,” said Awoii. That day, he abruptly shifted gears and started working on a chapter of what later would become Page 10 of his novel The Devil in the Cave, published in 2020.

“I wanted to write a book that was a little bit spooky, exciting and adventurous – something that young adults would enjoy reading,” said Awoii, who spent a couple hours each day in the library working on the manuscript until it was finished about six to seven months later.

Born and raised in Lira, Northern Uganda, Awoii moved to the U.S. about 10 years ago on the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program and lived in Tulsa briefly before relocating to Indianapolis, Ind., where he spent about three years. He returned to Tulsa seven years ago where he attended the National American University. He is a part-time author but wishes to make writing his full-time career. Currently, he is simultaneously working on three new manuscripts – one is a true story and the other two are fictional works.

“If you go to the library, you can almost dream during the day as it is so quiet,” said Awoii. “I do best when I am writing in the dead of the night – going to the library is the next best thing!”

In addition to providing a quiet place to think and write, Awoii said the library has all the research resources he needs to learn about places, situations and other important things to flesh out his manuscripts and provide accuracy for his stories. For example, when
The Devil in the Cave, Awoii wanted to find information about the Alaska wilderness so that he could describe it accurately as it was the setting of his book. The Devil in the Cave is available for checkout at www.tulsalibrary.org. The second edition is coming out soon.

While a promotional piece for the Adult Creative Writing Contest sparked Awoii to start a book, it was the Young People’s Creative Writing Contest and the Anne V. Zarrow Award for Young Readers’ Literature that started Eilis O’Neal’s literary success.

“The library’s Young People’s Creative Writing Contest was probably the most influential event for me as a young person in terms of my future writing career,” said O’Neal, editor in chief of Nimrod International Journal, a literary magazine that publishes short fiction and poetry. Beginning in 1993, O’Neal entered the creative writing contest annually from the age of 12 to 18 and was a winner each year. The annual contest is open to Tulsa County youths ages 10 to 18 and offers cash prizes.

“To be recognized for my writing from an outside group that was not my parents or teachers was a huge deal: it was amazing,” said O’Neal, who published her first young-adult fantasy, The False Princess, in 2011 and its prequel, A Royal Birthday: A False Princess Short Story, in 2013. More important than winning the contest though was “getting to hear from the authors who are brought to Tulsa each year as the Zarrow award winners,” said O’Neal. O’Neal fondly remembers going to the Young People’s Creative Writing Contest Awards Ceremony in 1993 and hearing Zarrow award winner Katherine Paterson, author of the beloved 1978 Newbery Medal-winning Bridge to Terabithia, talk about her writing and give tips to the young aspiring writers. “This just opened my eyes to being an author as something I could do,” said O’Neal. “You don’t think of authors as real people but then seeing them in person you realize that they are real people and that this is something that real people do. Here was this woman who was telling us about ways and tips and tricks she used for writing – it was inspiring with a capital I!”

O’Neal is still sad about missing one of her all-time favorite authors, Madeleine L’Engle, who was the winner of the 1992 Anne V. Zarrow Award for Young Readers’ Literature. “It is so awesome that every single year these authors come to Tulsa to talk to us,” said O’Neal. “I remember when Walter Dean Myers came in 1996. He told us that he always carried a little tiny notebook to write things down and then he pulled it out of his pocket and showed it to us. I was 15 and thought, ‘Oh gosh, I need to start doing this!’ And then I got my own little notebook.”

“‘At the time, my family had no clue about the contest or the Zarrow award and I did not get to see her – I really wish that I did,’ said O’Neal about L’Engle, author of the 1963 Newbery Medal-winning A Wrinkle in Time and other works for young people. “It is so awesome that every single year these authors come to Tulsa to talk to us,” said O’Neal. “I remember when Walter Dean Myers came in 1996. He told us that he always carried a little tiny notebook to write things down and then he pulled it out of his pocket and showed it to us. I was 15 and thought, ‘Oh gosh, I need to start doing this!’ And then I got my own little notebook.”
This year, Nikki Grimes, New York Times bestselling poet and author of *Ordinary Hazards: A Memoir* and other works for young people, is the winner of the Anne V. Zarrow Award for Young Readers’ Literature. She will accept the award, given by the Tulsa Library Trust, on Friday, May 6 at 6 p.m. and will present awards to winners of the 2022 Young People’s Creative Writing Contest. The contest is accepting entries Feb. 1-28.

“It is so invaluable for kids who are interested in writing in addition to reading to hear these authors speak,” said O’Neal. “I can go on and on for hours about the Young People’s Creative Writing Contest and the Zarrow award as they were such a big deal for me as an aspiring writer!”

**45th Annual Adult Creative Writing Contest 2022**

For ages 18 and up
Enter by March 31
Children’s Fiction | Informal Essay
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*NEW* Young Adult Fiction

Cash Prizes!

Entry forms are available at all Tulsa City-County Library locations and online at [www.TulsaLibrary.org/Friends](http://www.tulsalibrary.org/friends).

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**Conduct specialized research using the African-American, American Indian, Hispanic or Genealogy Resource Center.** Learn more at [www.tulsalibrary.org/research](http://www.tulsalibrary.org/research).

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2022 Sankofa Freedom Award
honoring Walter Mosley
Saturday, Feb. 12 • 10-11 a.m. • Virtual
Visit www.tulsalibrary.org/events for Zoom link.

Walter Mosley will receive the 2022 Sankofa Freedom Award, given by the African-American Resource Center and Tulsa Library Trust. Mosley is a prolific author of over 60 critically acclaimed books, memoirs and plays, and best known for his Easy Rawlins detective series.

The Sankofa award is given biennially to a nationally prominent author whose life’s work positively addresses the range and complexity of cultural, economic and political issues affecting the greater African American community.

If you would like to view the award ceremony on a large screen, you are welcome to join us at Rudisill Regional Library to watch the live webinar. Email Larissa.McNeil@tulsalibrary.org to reserve a seat.

Visit www.tulsalibrary.org/events for Zoom link.

New and coming soon titles for Adults

>> Visit www.tulsalibrary.org/books-music-movies to check out these titles and find more.

The Paris Apartment
By Lucy Foley

From the New York Times bestselling author of The Guest List comes a new locked room mystery, set in a Paris apartment building in which every resident has something to hide.

Funny Farm
By Laurie Zaleski

Funny Farm is an inspiring and moving memoir of the author’s turbulent life with 600 rescue animals. Laurie Zaleski never aspired to run an animal rescue; that was her mother Anna's dream.

Black Cake
By Charmaine Wilkerson

In this moving debut novel, two estranged siblings must set aside their differences to deal with their mother’s death and her hidden past.

The Swimmers
By Julie Otsuka

In this Borzoi book, a group of obsessive swimmers finds solace and routine at the local pool – until a crack appears at the bottom of the pool that makes them completely neurotic.

These Precious Days
By Ann Patchett

The beloved New York Times bestselling author reflects on home, family, friendships and writing in this deeply personal collection of essays.

52 Ways to Walk
By Annabel Streets

This is a short, user-friendly guide to attaining the full range of benefits walking has to offer – physical, spiritual, emotional – backed by the latest scientific research to inspire readers to develop a fulfilling walking lifestyle.

American Indian Festival of Words
2022 Circle of Honor Ceremony
honoring Archie Mason
Saturday, March 5 • 10:30 a.m.

The Rev. Archie Mason, Osage and Cherokee, will be inducted into the Circle of Honor. Mason was a former educator for 34 years and was one of the longest-serving members of the Osage Nation Congress. Induction into the Circle of Honor is a celebration of the honoree’s actions in the face of adversity, commitment to the preservation of American Indian culture and legacy for future generations. Watch on TCCL's YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/TulsaLibrary.

Visit www.tulsalibrary.org/american-indian-circle-honor for event location updates and more details.
Great Decisions
12:30-2 p.m. • Broken Arrow Library/South
Join us as we discuss a variety of timely topics. Light snacks are provided.

LitWits’ Book Club: In Person or Online
6:30-7:30 p.m. • VIRTUAL: Zoom
IN PERSON: Hardesty Regional Library, Digital Lounge
Join fellow book enthusiasts to discuss Black Buck by Mateo Askaripour in person or on Zoom. In this debut novel, an unambitious college graduate accepts a job at Sumwun, the hottest NYC start-up, and reimagines himself as “Buck,” a ruthless salesman, and begins to hatch a plan to help young people of color infiltrate America’s sales force. Registration required.

FEB. 3, THURSDAY
Building Basic Computer Skills
2-3 p.m. • Hardesty Regional Library, Computer Lab
Learn the basics of using a mouse, accessing the internet, basic computer terms and more. Registration required.

TRIUMPHS IN THE NAME OF LOVE
5-6 p.m. • Zarrow Regional Library
Learn how to incorporate various elements of Ordinary Hazards into your classroom and receive lesson plans on how to use Nikki Grimes’ work in a variety of school subjects. Be introduced to Tulsa City-County Library’s Anne V. Zarrow Award for Young Readers’ Literature.

Gain an opportunity to win a classroom visit by Nikki Grimes on Friday, May 6.

Every participant will receive their copies of Ordinary Hazards after the workshop, as well as an official continuing-education certificate. Participants must be employed by a school district within Tulsa County.

Mr. Henry’s Books
EDUCATOR WORKSHOP
Saturday, Feb. 26 • 9-11 a.m.

Central Library • Filth Street and Denver Avenue
Pocahontas Greadington Learning and Creativity Center

Attention, middle- and high-school teachers and librarians! You are invited to this continuing-education workshop focusing on the works of author Nikki Grimes, winner of the 2022 Anne V. Zarrow Award for Young Readers’ Literature. You will:

- Receive 50 copies of Ordinary Hazards by Nikki Grimes for your students to keep as their own. This book is suited for students ages 12-17.
- Learn how to incorporate various elements of Ordinary Hazards into your classroom and receive lesson plans on how to use Nikki Grimes’ work in a variety of school subjects.
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Mr. Henry’s Books is a program of the Tulsa City-County Library, sponsored by the Tulsa Library Trust, made possible by a grant from the Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation.

Registration Deadline: Saturday, Feb. 12

www.tulsalibrary.org/mr-henrys-books-registration
**February 5, Saturday**

**Black History Month: Movies @ the Library**

**3:30-3:45 p.m. • Suburban Acres Library**

Join us for a screening of The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, starring Oprah Winfrey, Renee Elise Goldsberry and Courtney B. Vance. Attendance may be limited due to social distancing. For all ages.

**February 7, Monday**

**Craft Club: Homemad Valentines**

6:30-7:30 p.m. • Central Library, Aaronson Auditorium

Join us for a fun night of crafting and crafting while we make valentines. We’ve got doilies and glue; you just bring your creativity! Registration required.

**February 8, Tuesday**

**Collinsville Book Discussion**

12:30-12:50 p.m. • Collinsville Library

Read Hostage by Clare Macintosh and then join us for a lively discussion about this claustrophobic thriller set over 20 hours on one zeppelin flight... or board the inaugural nonsstop flight from London to Sydney.

**February 9, Wednesday**

**Full Cup Book Club**

10-10:30 a.m. • Martin Regional Library

Read These Ghosts are Family by Maisy Card and join us for a lively discussion. Print copies are available at Martin Regional Library for checkout or online at www.tulsalibrary.org for download.

**February 10, Thursday**

**Understanding Alzheimer’s and Dementia**

2-3 p.m. • Schuemann-Benson Library

Learn about the impact of Alzheimer’s, the differences between Alzheimer’s and dementia, Alzheimer’s disease stages and risk factors, and current research and treatments available to address some symptoms. Presented by the Alzheimer’s Association. Registration required.

**February 11, Friday**

**Digital Art Hour: Valentine’s Day Cards**

6-7 p.m. • Central Library, Digital Literacy Lab

Join us to use digital media tools, such as Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop and Procreate, to create Valentine’s Day cards. Bring a flash drive to save your work. Registration required.

**February 12, Saturday**

**2022 Sankofa Freedom Award Ceremony**

Honorong Walter Mosley

10-11 a.m. • VIRTUAL: Zoom

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**February 14, Monday**

**Brookske Book Discussion**

1:30-2:30 p.m. • Brookske Library

Read The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray and then join us for a lively discussion. This remarkable novel is about J.P. Morgan’s personal librarian, Belle da Costa Greene, the Black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as white in order to leave a lasting legacy that enriched our nation.

**February 15, Tuesday**

**Down the Rabbit Hole: Weird Fiction Book Club**

1-2 p.m. •虚拟: Zoom

Join us on Zoom for a lively discussion of Rebecca Roanhorse’s Black Sun, the first book in a new series inspired by the civilizations of the Pre-Columbian Americas and woven into a tale of celestial prophecies, political intrigue and forbidden magic. Email Ben.Wilcox@tulsalibrary.org for Zoom link.

**February 16, Wednesday**

**Travels With Turks: Patagonia – Argentina and Chile**

12:30-2 p.m. • Broken Arrow Library/South

Join us as we discuss a variety of topics. Light snacks are provided.

**February 17, Thursday**

**Beyond the Book**

10-11:30 a.m. • Broken Arrow Library/South

Join us to discuss The Good Lord Bird by James McBride. Reserved copies are available at the library.

**February 18, Saturday**

**Get Your Resume Ready**

10-11:30 a.m. • Hardesty Regional Library, Computer Lab

Learn how to create a professional-looking résumé, plus discover other free tools the library offers for job seekers. Basic MS Word skills recommended. Registration required.

**February 19, Saturday**

**Introduction to Laser Cutting/Engraving**

1-2 p.m. • Central Library, Make Space

Learn the basics for cutting and engraving. We’ll discuss the software used and demonstrate how to use the Epilog laser. After attending this orientation, you can make appointments to use the equipment for your own projects. Registration required.
FEB. 22, TUESDAY
Black Cowboys of Rodeo
With Keith Ryan Cartwright
7-8:30 p.m. • Central Library, Grodonding Center
Magic City Books and Tulsa City-County Library present Keith Ryan Cartwright, author of Black Cowboys of Rodeo: Unsung Heroes From Harlem to Hollywood and the American West. Copies of the book are available for purchase at Magic City Books and will be for sale at the event. Cartwright and the cowboys featured in the book will sign copies at the conclusion of the event. Black Cowboys of Rodeo is a collection of 100 years of stories, told themselves and set against the backdrop of Reconstruction, Jim Crow, segregation, the integration of a racially divided country. For all ages.

FEB. 23, WEDNESDAY
Travels With Tulsans: Wildlife of Tanzania – Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater
12:10-12:50 p.m. • VIRTUAL: Zoom
Take a trip with us and enjoy travelogues from fascinating locales both near and far. Presented by Teresa Meinders Burkett, volunteer with The Nature Conservancy in Oklahoma. Email friends@tulsalibrary.org for more details.

FEB. 24, THURSDAY
African American Heritage Bowl
6-9 p.m. • Rudisill Regional Library, Ancestral Hall
Schools and community groups will compete for prizes and recognition by answering questions about Black history. “African American Health and Wellness” is this year’s theme. Contact Adrienne. tealque@tulsalibrary.org for more details.

iPad Paint Along
6:30-7:30 p.m. • Arrow Regional Library
Follow along on an iPad or other tablet to create a fun painting digitally! We’ll use the app Infinite Painter. If you bring your own tablet, you don’t have to register, but be sure to have the Infinite Painter app downloaded on your tablet. If you’d like a print of your artwork, we will print it at the end of the program. Registration is required to reserve an iPad.

FEB. 25, FRIDAY
Creative Truths: A History Book Discussion
9-10 a.m. • VIRTUAL: Zoom
IN PERSON: Herman and Kate Kaiser Library
Submit pieces to the Writing Lab in the Homework HelpNow database to receive feedback on your work. Access from anywhere using your library card at www.tulsalibrary.org/homeworkhelp.

FEB. 26, SATURDAY
Creative Truths: A History Book Discussion
9-10 a.m. • VIRTUAL: Zoom
IN PERSON: Herman and Kate Kaiser Library
Read The Lost and Found Bookshop by Susan Wiggs and join us for a lively discussion. Copies are available to check out at the Bixby Library or as an e-book at www.tulsalibrary.org.

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• Learn how to self-publish, write in new formats and improve your literary techniques with self-paced classes in LinkedIn Learning, LearningExpress Library and Universal Class. Access from anywhere using your library card at www.tulsalibrary.org/online-learning.

• Use digital and physical books about writing fiction, nonfiction, poetry and more to fine-tune your piece or expand your writing scope. Explore book lists and writing resources at www.tulsalibrary.org/tccl-blog/writing-resources.

• Browse the shelves at any TCCL location, and use your library card to check out physical and digital items from our catalog at www.tulsalibrary.org/books-music-movies.
The competition features a Middle School Bowl, a High School Bowl and a Community Bowl. Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third place in each bowl. Plus, each first-place student team member will receive an Amazon Fire tablet.

Contact Adrienne.Teague@TulsaLibrary.org to register and receive a team packet with study guides. Registration deadline is Feb. 17.
Events for Teens & Tweens

Visit www.TulsaLibrary.org/events to register or for more details. Events may be canceled or switched to virtual due to COVID risk levels.

MONDAYS

Teen Storytime
4-4:30 p.m. (no storytime Feb. 21)
Mamie Parchman Library
Join us in the teen area after school and listen to staff read aloud great young-adult literature while you wait for your ride to pick you up. For ages 10-18.

Yuchi Language Class
6:30-7:30 p.m. (no class Feb. 23)
Zarrow Regional Library
All skill levels are welcome to join this language revitalization class, led by Yuchi language instructor Brent Deo from the Yuchi Language Class.

TUESDAYS

Kiowa Language Class
6:30-7:30 p.m. • VIRTUAL: Zoom
Learn to read and write the Kiowa language. This class is taught by the Kiowa language instructor Brent Deo from the ZQhya School of Language. For ages 10 and up. Registration required.

FRIDAYS

Chicks Knit and Lit: Crafting Group
1-3 p.m. • Girapool Library
Join us for great companionship, crafting and fun! We knit, crochet, sew, and just about anything else craft or fiber related. Sometimes we talk about books and movies too!

FEB. 10, THURSDAY

Altered: Teen Maker Club
4-5:15 p.m. • West Tulsa Library
Do you like art, crafting, writing or DIY culture? We’re going to explore all of it! Join us to make faux stained-glass candleholders. For ages 10-18.

FEB. 14, MONDAY

Paint Like Basquiat: Black History Meets Art
4-5 p.m. • Suburban Acres Library
Paint like one of the most famous painters of the 20th century and learn more about Basquiat’s work. For ages 10-18.

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7:30-8 p.m. • VIRTUAL: Zoom
Join us on Zoom for a lively discussion of Rebecca Roanhorse’s Black Sun, the first book in a new series inspired by the civilizations of the Pre-Columbian Americas and woven into a tale of celestial prophecies, political intrigue and hidden magic. Email Ben.Wilcox@tulsalibrary.org for Zoom link. For teens and up. Registration required.

FEB. 16, WEDNESDAY

Introduction to 3D Printing
2-3 p.m. • Martin Regional Library, Computer Lab
Learn the basics of 3D printing and how this service works through the library. For teens.

FEB. 17, WEDNESDAY

Get Your Résumé Ready
1-2 p.m. • Hardesty Regional Library, Computer Lab
Learn how to make a professional-looking résumé, plus discover free tools the library offers for job seekers. Basic MS Word skills recommended. For teens and up. Registration required.

FRIDAYS

FEB. 4, FRIDAY

Basquiat’s Work: Art, History and Modern Black Art
4:30-5:30 p.m. • VIRTUAL: Zoom
Learn about the art and life of Basquiat. For ages 10-18.

FEB. 5, SATURDAY

African American Heritage Bowl
6-9 p.m. • Rudisill Regional Library, Ancestral Hall
Schools and community groups compete for prizes and recognition by answering questions about Black History. Contact Adrienne.teague@tulsalibrary.org for more details. For ages 10 and up.

FEB. 6, SATURDAY

Head or Die Anime Club
noon-1 p.m. • Broken Arrow Library
Join fellow anime and manga lovers as we talk about anime and watch anime. For ages 13-17.

FEB. 7, SUNDAY

Intro to Laser Cutting/Engraving
1-2 p.m. • Central Library, Maker Space
Learn the basics for cutting and engraving. We’ll discuss the software used and demonstrate how to use the Epilog laser. After attending this orientation, you can make appointments to use the equipment for your own projects. For teens and up. Registration required.

FEB. 8, TUESDAY

Between the Pages: A Tween Book Club
6-7 p.m. • Herman and Kate Kaiser Library
Join us to chat about your favorite literary friendships and for other fun activities. For ages 10-12.

FEB. 9, WEDNESDAY

Bookmarked! In-person and Online Book Club
6-7 p.m. • VIRTUAL: Zoom
IN PERSON: Hardesty Regional Library, Digital Lounge
Join other book lovers as we discuss Grown by Tiffany D. Jackson in person or on Zoom. For ages 10-18. Registration required.

Teen Manga/Anime Club
6-7 p.m. • Broken Arrow Library
Do you like manga or anime? Join us as we discuss our favorite manga and anime and do a fun activity. For sixth to 12th graders.

FEB. 11, FRIDAY

Teen Virtual Gaming
4-5 p.m. • Bixby Library
Join us on Zoom as we play party games, trivia and more! For ages 10-18. Registration required.

FEB. 12, SATURDAY

Black Cowboys of Rodeo
4-5 p.m. • Bixby Teen Manga/Anime Club
Herman and Kate Kaiser Library
Join us as we discuss, watch and increase our overall knowledge of anime and manga. For ages 12-17.

FEB. 13, SUNDAY

African American Heritage Bowl
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FEB. 25, FRIDAY

Final Friday: Arcade Day!
4:30-5:30 p.m. • Maxwell Park Library
End your month on a high note by playing games on our Nintendo Switch and Xbox One consoles. Space is limited to four players on the Switch per game and two per game on the Xbox. For ages 10-18.

Out-lil’ YA Book Club
4:30-5:30 p.m. • Broken Arrow Library/South
Join us as we read Sequoyah Book Award nominee Only Mostly Devastated by Sophie Gonzalez. We’ll discuss the book and do an activity. This is great for fans of Grease, but with a lot less singing and a lot more heart. For ages 10-18.

FEB. 26, SATURDAY

Anime Club
noon-2 p.m. • Martin Regional Library
Join us as we discuss, watch and increase our overall knowledge of anime and manga. For ages 10-18.

New and coming soon titles for Children

Visit www.tulsalibrary.org/books-music-movies to check out these titles and find more.

Hey You!
By Dapo Adeola
This remarkable picture book is a lyrical, inspirational exploration of growing up Black, written by award-winning illustrator Dapo Adeola and brought to life by some of the most exciting Black artists of today.

Bear Builds a House
By Maxwell Eaton
Bear’s next project is her most ambitious one yet. She’s going to build a house! But can she and her friends finish before winter sets in?

Gibberish
By Young Vo
When Dat starts school in a country where he does not speak the language, everything around him sounds like gibberish until a new friend helps him make sense of his new world.

Because Claudette
By Tracey Baptiste
This biographical picture book about Claudette Colvin, the teen whose activism launched the Montgomery bus boycott, celebrates collective action.

A Friend for Yoga Bunny
By Brian Russo
Yoga Bunny returns in this adorable, mindful and meditative friendship story! Great for finding calm and practicing easy fun-to-do yoga poses in the classroom or at home.

Black Artists Shaping the World
By Sharna Jackson
Introduces young readers to 26 contemporary artists from Africa and of the African descent, working in everything from painting, sculpture and drawing to ceramics, installation art and sound art.

Cash Prizes
For Ages 10-18
Entries Accepted Feb. 1-28
Enter online at www.tulsalibrary.org/ypcwc or pick up an entry brochure at any library location.
Events for Children

Visit www.TulsaLibrary.org/events to register or for more details.
Events may be canceled or switched to virtual due to COVID risk levels.

Pick the Build A Reader Storytime that’s right for you!

Babies
Learn and enjoy songs, stories and activities that are just right for your little one at this lap sit storytime for newborns to 2-year-olds and their caregivers.

Family
Bring the whole family for this 0-to-5 storytime! There’s something for everyone — simple songs and books for the little ones, more interactive stories and activities for your older children.

Babies & Toddlers
Ready, set, READ! This beginning storytime focuses on helping your baby or toddler develop important literacy skills while emphasizing the fun of reading.

Preschool
The best in children’s literature, songs, games, finger plays, rhymes and other reading-related activities are shared with your preschooler.

Bilingual
Enjoy stories, songs and activities in English and Spanish.

Toddlers
Join us for songs, stories and movements geared to your toddler.

MONDAYS

Build A Reader Storytime: Babies
10-10:20 a.m. (no storytime Feb. 21) Hardesty Regional Library

Build A Reader Storytime: Preschool
10:30-10:55 a.m. (no storytime Feb. 21) Broken Arrow Library

Build A Reader Storytime: Family
10:30-10:55 a.m. • Maxwell Park Library

WEDNESDAYS

Build A Reader Storytime: Toddlers
11-11:20 a.m. • Hardesty Regional Library

Build A Reader Storytime: Bilingual
11:30-11:55 a.m. • Martin Regional Library

THURSDAYS

Build A Reader Storytime: Toddlers
10-10:20 a.m. • Hardesty Regional Library

National Take Your Child to the Library Day
9 a.m.-5 p.m. • Central Library

Make-And-Take Crafts
11-11:30 a.m. (no program Feb. 21) Rudisill Regional Library

Children of all ages can join us after storytime for a craft or art project. Perfect for toddlers and homeschool families. For large groups, please call ahead at 918-549-7323 to plan a separate time to stop in.

FRIDAYS

Build A Reader Storytime: Babies
10-10:20 a.m. • Brookside Library

Build A Reader Storytime: Toddlers
10:30-10:55 a.m. • Broken Arrow Library

Make-And-Take Crafts
10-10:30 a.m. (no program Feb. 21) Rudisill Regional Library

Children of all ages can join us at 918-391-2150 or email arts@TulsaLibrary.org to sign up for a free craft kit with art supplies. Kit pickup is at the library during the storytime.

FEB. 5, SATURDAY

National Take Your Child to the Library Day
9 a.m.-5 p.m. • Hardesty Regional Library

Enjoy time with your little one checking out books and grab a marshmallow shooter kit to construct at home! Kits are limited and available on first-come-first-serve basis.

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Events for Children

Help your baby and young child get ready to read! Seating may be limited.
National Take Your Child to the Library Day

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National Take Your Child to the Library Day
10 a.m.-5 p.m. • Glenpool Library
Children visiting Glenpool Library today will get a small gift as we share our love of books and reading. Five lucky winners will receive a LEGO sculpture kit.

National Take Your Child to the Library Day
10 a.m.-5 p.m. • Helmerich Library
Drop by the library to celebrate National Take Your Child to the Library Day! We’ll learn cool facts about wolves and how you can help protect them.

National Take Your Child to the Library Day
10 a.m.-5 p.m. • Pratt Library
Drop in and see large posters of the strangest vehicles and take home instructions for creating unconventional vehicle designs, or stay and build your own unconventional vehicle.

National Take Your Child to the Library Day
10 a.m.-5 p.m. • Broken Arrow Library/South
Drop in to celebrate National Take Your Child to the Library Day! We’ll have prizes, Thinker-Tinker kits and take-and-make projects available while supplies last.

National Take Your Child to the Library Day
noon-2 p.m. • Charles Page Library
Drop in for kids to explore the Kids Read Curious World theme “Me & the Machines.”

National Take Your Child to the Library Day
noon-3 p.m. • Nathan Hale Library
Visit the library to experiment like an engineer! We will have stations set up for kids to explore the Kids Read Curious World theme “Me & the Machines.”

National Take Your Child to the Library Day
2-4 p.m. • Rudolph Regional Library
Drop in to create your own functional gumball machine, complete with small candies to get you started, while supplies last.

FEB. 8, TUESDAY

STEAM After School: Valentine Origami
1-4 p.m. • Maxwell Park Library
Join us for fun science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics activities. Don’t know what to get your valentine this year? Fear not! Come create this program and learn how to make some simple, lovey-dovey origami. For ages 5-12.

FEB. 9, WEDNESDAY

PAWS for Reading
3:30-4:30 p.m. • Broken Arrow Library/South
Registered therapy dogs are excellent listeners. Kids ages 6-10 are invited to read their favorite books to a furry, four-pawed friend. Each reader will receive a free book provided by the Raymond and Bessie Kravis Foundation through the Tulsa Library Trust. Registration required.

FEB. 12, SATURDAY

PAWS for Reading
10-11 a.m. • Central Library
Registered therapy dogs are excellent listeners. Kids ages 5-12 are invited to read their favorite books to a furry, four-pawed friend. Each reader will receive a free book provided by the Raymond and Bessie Kravis Foundation through the Tulsa Library Trust. Registration required.

FEB. 15, TUESDAY

PAWS for Reading
4:30-5:30 p.m. • Broken Arrow Library/South
Registered therapy dogs are excellent listeners. Elementary students are invited to read their favorite books to a furry, four-pawed friend. Each reader will receive a free book provided by the Raymond and Bessie Kravis Foundation through the Tulsa Library Trust. Registration required.

FEB. 18, FRIDAY

Kids Read Storytime: Simple Machines
4-5 p.m. • Suburban Acres Library
The world is big, and you are curious about it! Let’s take a look at simple machines in this fun-filled storytime. Did you know that simple machines are everywhere? Learn more about what they are, what they do and how they connect to you! For preschoolers and elementary students. Registration required.

National Take Your Child to the Library Day

FEB. 23, WEDNESDAY

PAWS for Reading
4-5 p.m. • Owasso Library
Registered therapy dogs are excellent listeners. Kids ages 5-12 are invited to read their favorite books to a furry, four-pawed friend. Each reader will receive a free book provided by the Raymond and Bessie Kravis Foundation through the Tulsa Library Trust. Registration required.

FEB. 26, SATURDAY

Elephant and Piggie Book Party!
1-2 p.m. • Central Library
It’s time to dress up and enjoy games, crafts, read-aloud stories and a celebration of two of Mo Willems’ silliest characters! For preschoolers and elementary students. Registration required.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Tulsa City-County Libraries
El hábito de la escritura

Escrito por Ana Davis, Asociada al Cliente Bilingüe, Biblioteca Regional Martin

¿Alguna vez te ha pasado que después de leer un libro, te entra la inquietud por escribir como tu autor favorito? A mí me ha pasado, y espero no ser la única que quiere ser escritora después de leer un libro. En lo que a mí respecta, escribir es la habilidad más importante que uno puede tener y ser un buen escritor conduce a ser pensativo y más coherente. También es uno de los pocos hábitos que no importa lo que hagas o quién seas en la vida, escribirás casi todos los días. Ya sea que se trate simplemente de enviar un correo electrónico o actualizar tu estado en Instagram o de Facebook, ser capaz de articular claramente tus pensamientos es una habilidad increíblemente valiosa.

• Build A Reader Storytimes help your babies and toddlers develop early literacy skills and a love of reading through songs, activities, books and more. Check the event listings in this guide or go to www.tulsalibrary.org/events.

• Homework HelpNow has practice tests, worksheets and lessons to help improve writing for students in grades three and up. Access from anywhere using your library card at www.tulsalibrary.org/homeworkhelp.

• LearningExpress Library offers writing and grammar skills improvement for middle-school students. Access from anywhere using your library card at www.tulsalibrary.org/online-learning.

Want to give your child a head start on reading and writing?

START HERE! >>

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“El llanto más antiguo de la historia del hombre, es el llanto de amor.”

- Gabriel García Márquez

Gabriel García Márquez, el padre del realismo mágico y ganador del premio Nobel de Literatura en 1982 por su obra Cien años de soledad, fue periodista de profesión y tuvo una educación en leyes la cual abandonó para dedicarse a la pasión de su vida, por lo cual ahora es uno de los escritores más reconocidos en todo el mundo.

Márquez descubrió que iba a ser escritor leyendo “La metamorfosis” de Kafka, y fue influenciado por escritores estadounidenses como Ernest Hemingway y William Faulkner. Lo mismo me paso a mí después de leer Pedro Páramo de Juan Rulfo, así como después de leer Cien años de soledad. Pero claro, yo no tengo ninguna formación como escritora, así que decidí aprender cómo empezar a escribir. Hay libros que te pueden ayudar a aprender a escribir porque esta actividad, como cualquier otra actividad creativa, siempre será un camino de aprendizaje. Si estas interesado en aprender más o solo quieres continuar desarrollando tus habilidades de escritura, visita tu biblioteca más cercana donde podrás encontrar todo lo que necesitas y así podrás empezar un nuevo pasatiempo o mejor aún, tu próxima profesión.

Aquí hay una pequeña lista de libros y recursos que te pueden ayudar, y lo más increíble es que todos estos artículos los puedes encontrar en cualquiera de nuestras 24 bibliotecas que la ciudad y el condado de Tulsa, solo necesitas tu tarjeta de la biblioteca ¡y listo!

Escribir en 21 días: Encuentra tu voz y libera tu creatividad por Silvia Adela Kohan (Libro)

Describe cómo aumentar la creatividad y la producción al escribir una novela escribiendo durante siete minutos al día durante veintiún días seguidos.

Escribe mejor y más rápido. Cómo Triplificar Tu Velocidad De Escritura Y Escribir Más Todos Los Días por Monica Leonelle (eBook) Disponible en Hoopla

En este libro encontraras conocimientos, secretos, trucos e información para que puedas mejorar tu velocidad de escritura, aumentar con creces las palabras que escribes en un mes y publicar más libros.

Dominar el hábito de la escritura: escribe 2000 palabras por día y supera el bloqueo de escritor por S. J. Scott (ebook) Disponible en Hoopla

APRENDE: Cómo eliminar el bloqueo de escritor para siempre y escribir MILES de palabras por día (No cuesta escribir todos los días) Muchas personas sueñan con convertirse en autores exitosos, pero no encuentran el tiempo para escribir. Al desarrollar el hábito de la escritura, tendrás la confianza para sentarte frente a la computadora todos los días con la seguridad de que las palabras fluirán.

Universal Class (Clases en línea)

www.tulsalibrary.org/programs-and-services/online-learning

Selezione entre cientos de cursos sin crédito facilitados por instructores dedicados que comparten sus conocimientos sobre casi cualquier tema imaginable. Aprenda Rápido: Escritura/Writing - Aquí está su producto LearningExpress Library. Comience a usarlo ahora o explore nuestros otros recursos en LearningExpress.

Para usar cualquier app que ofrece la biblioteca tendrás que descargar la aplicación en su dispositivo móvil. Cuando se le solicite que ingrese su ID de biblioteca, ingrese “TCCL” para ser enviado a la página de inicio de sesión, luego ingrese su número de tarjeta de biblioteca y PIN.
¡Elecciones del personal!

Recomendado por Vanessa Rodriguez, asistente de servicio al cliente, Biblioteca Regional Martin

¡Alguien está mintiendo! por Karen M. McManus

¿Cómo puedes presenciar un asesinato y aún no saber qué sucedió? Karen McManus ha creado la tormenta perfecta de narraciones mixtas de testigos poco fiables, el misterio crece y te mantiene adivinando hasta el final. Si te encanta el suspenso y la resolución de crímenes, esta serie de libros es para ti. Este libro es para jóvenes de 13 años en adelante.

¡Alguien tiene un secreto! por Karen M. McManus

Ellery es nueva en Echo Ridges, pero ya lo sabe todo sobre el pueblo. Aquí, a veces, las chicas desaparecen. Sus asesinos siguen sin resolverse. Aunque las clases no han empezado aún, la futura reina del baile ha sido amenazada y una chica ha desaparecido. ¡Todo apunta a que Ellery también está peligro! Este libro es para jóvenes de 13 años en adelante.

Eventos

Cuentos Bilingües
Martes 1, 8, 15 y 22 de febrero
10:30-11 a.m.
Biblioteca Maxwel Park
Acompáñenos para cuentos, canciones y actividades en inglés y español.

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Martes 1, 8, 15 y 22 de febrero
11-11:30 a.m.
Biblioteca Regional Martin
Disfruta de cuentos, canciones y actividades en inglés y español.

Día Nacional de llevar a tu hijo a la Biblioteca
Sábado, 5 de febrero
¡Visita cualquier ubicación de la biblioteca de la ciudad y el condado de Tulsa para recibir una calcomanía especial y un regalo!
¡Consulta los listados de eventos en esta guía para ver programas DIVERSITOS para que los niños despierten su curiosidad!

¿Quieres comentarios sobre tu escritura? ¡EMPÍEZA AQUÍ! >>

Homework HelpNow tiene un laboratorio de escritura que ofrece asistencia gratuita en línea para escribir. Simplemente carga un documento para revisarlo y recibirás comentarios útiles de un experto. Para utilizar el laboratorio de escritura, inicia una sesión en Homework HelpNow con tu apellido y tarjeta TCCL en www.tulsalibrary.org/homeworkhelp.
Nuevos títulos en español para jóvenes

Visite www.tulsalibrary.org/books-music-movies para ver estos títulos y encontrar más.

- Lobizona por Romina Garber
  Algunas personas son indocumentadas. Las lobizonas no existen. Estas dos afirmaciones son falsas. Manuela Azul se encuentra atrapada en una existencia que resulta demasiado pequeña para ella y debe huir de la familia criminal de su padre en la Argentina.

- Laszlo de sangre por Karen M. McManus
  Milly, Aubrey y Jonah Story son primos, pero casi no se conocen. Su familia se rompió cuando su abuela desheredó a sus hijos. Pero, de pronto, la abuela Mildred los invita a pasar el verano en su complejo turístico y, con el paso de los días, los tres primos irán notando cosas extrañas que no acaban de encajar.

- La orden del drago por Jenn Bennett
  En esta emocionante historia llena de magia y ambientada en las misteriosas montañas de los Cárpatos, una niña debe encontrar el anillo maldito de Vlad el Empalador para salvar a su padre. Pero no es la única que está buscando el anillo. Una sociedad secreta también lo está buscando y harán todo lo posible para encontrarlo.

- No somos de aquí por Jenny Torres Sánchez
  La travesía llena de peligros, resiliencia, dolor y esperanza, de tres adolescentes gitanos que cruzan la frontera entre México y Estados Unidos. Se tienen el uno al otro y siguen la ruta de La Bestia, el peligroso tren de carga que los conducirá a una vida mejor, si tienen suficiente suerte como para sobrevivir el viaje.

- The Immortal Boy por Francisco Montaña Ibáñez
  Dos historias de Bogotá entrelazadas. Uno, una familia de cinco hijos, se fue a vivir por su cuenta. La otra, una niña en un orfanato que hará cualquier cosa para hacerse amiga del misterioso Niño Inmortal. La forma en que se entrelazan nunca te dejará.

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Tulsa City-County Library Locations

Hours of operation for each location may be subject to change due to staff shortages. Check www.tulsalibrary.org/opening-details for up-to-date information.

1. Bixby Library
   20 E. Breckenridge, 74008 | M, W, F, 10-6; T, Th, 12-8; Sat., 10-5
2. Broken Arrow Library
   300 W. Broadway, 74012 | M-Th, 10-8; Fri., 10-6; Sat., 10-5
3. Broken Arrow Library/South
   3600 S. Chestnut, 74011 | M-Th, 10-8; Fri., 10-6; Sat., 10-5
4. Brookside Library
   1207 E. 45th Place, 74105 | M-Th, 10-8; Fri., 10-6; Sat., 10-5
5. Central Library
   400 Civic Center, 74103 | M-Th, 9-9; Fri., 9-6; Sat., 9-5; Sun., 1-5
6. Charles Page Library
   551 E. Fourth St., Sand Springs, 74063
   M, W, F, 10-6; T, Th, 10-8; Sat., 10-5
7. Collinsville Library
   1223 Main, 74021 | M, W, F, 10-6; T, Th, 12-8; Sat., 10-5
8. Glenpool Library
   730 E. 141st St., 74033 | M, W, F, 10-6; T, Th, 12-8; Sat., 10-5
9. Hardesty Regional Library and Genealogy Center
   8316 E. 93rd St., 74133 | M-Th, 9-9; Fri., 9-6; Sat., 9-5; Sun., 1-5
10. Helmerich Library
    5131 E. 91st St., 74137 | M-Th, 10-8; Fri., 10-6; Sat., 10-5
11. Jenks Library
    523 W. B St., 74037 | M, W, F, 10-6; T, Th, 10-8; Sat., 10-5
12. Judy Z. Kishner Library
    10150 N. Cincinnati Ave. E., Sperry, 74073
    M, W, F, 10-6; T, Th, 12-8; Sat., 10-5
13. Kendall-Whittier Library
    21 S. Lewis, 74114 | Mon.-Fri., 10-6; Sat., 10-5
14. Martin Regional Library and Hispanic Resource Center
    2601 S. Garnett Road, 74129 | M-Th, 9-9; Fri., 9-6; Sat., 9-5; Sun., 1-5
15. Maxwell Park Library
    1313 N. Canton, 74115 | Mon.-Fri., 10-6; Sat., 10-5
16. Nathan Hale Library
    6038 E. 23rd St., 74114 | Mon.-Fri., 10-6; Sat., 10-5
17. Owasso Library
    103 W. Broadway, 74055 | M-Th, 10-8; Fri., 10-6; Sat., 10-5
18. Pratt Library
    3219 S. 113th W. Ave., Sand Springs, 74063
    M, W, F, 10-6; T, Th, 10-8; Sat., 10-5
19. Rudisill Regional Library and African-American Resource Center
    1520 N. Hartford, 74106 | M-Th, 9-9; Fri., 9-6; Sat., 9-5; Sun., 1-5
20. Schusterman-Benson Library
    3333 E. 32nd Place, 74135 | M-Th, 10-8; Fri., 10-6; Sat., 10-5
21. Skiatook Library
    316 E. Rogers, 74070 | M, W, F, 10-6; T, Th, 12-8; Sat., 10-5
22. Suburban Acres Library
    4606 N. Garrison, 74126 | Mon.-Fri., 10-6; Sat., 10-5
23. Zarrow Regional Library and American Indian Resource Center
    2224 W. 51st St., 74107 | M-Th, 9-9; Fri., 9-6; Sat., 9-5; Sun., 1-5