

CELEBRATE FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

Share your family's heritage with future generations by researching your roots and creating a family tree. Join Tulsa City-County Library's Genealogy Center in July for its annual Family History Month series featuring a variety of free workshops for new genealogy researchers as well as lifetime enthusiasts.

All of the workshops, unless otherwise noted, will be held at the Hardesty Regional Library, 8316 E. 93rd St., in Frossard Auditorium. A hearing loop is available.

Family History Month workshops scheduled at Hardesty Regional Library are:

- "Beginning Genealogy," July 7, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn how to begin your family history research and discover the resources you need.
 - "Create Your Digital Genealogy Bookshelf," July 7, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Can't find that family history book you need in the library? Learn where to find genealogy books online and how to save them to your computer or The Cloud.
 - "DIY Digital Archives for Genealogists," July 14, 10-11:30 a.m. Learn tips for digitally preserving family photos, papers and more. Explore methods for digitizing family heirlooms and organizing digital assets, plus learn about digitization tools available at Central Library's Digital Literacy Lab.
 - "Preservation Techniques for Family Historians," July 14, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Join certified archivist Mallory Covington and learn techniques for storing and keeping your fragile family documents and photographs safe and protected for future generations.
 - "Government Documents for the Family Historian," July 21, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Record collections created by federal and state government agencies document historical events, legislative actions and a variety of other data. Discover the collections most useful to family historians and learn how to tap into the wonderful world of genealogical information found in these documents.
 - "Introduction to the Draper Manuscripts," July 21, 1:45-2:45 p.m. Learn how to locate hidden gems buried within the pages of the Draper Manuscripts, a premier collection of early American historical documents available at the Genealogy Center.
 - "What's New at the Genealogy Center," July 21, 3-4 p.m. Learn about new services and resources available at the Genealogy Center.
- The following workshops are presented by popular genealogist Mark Lowe and are scheduled at Hardesty Regional Library. They are sponsored by the Tulsa Library Trust.
- "Family Trees: Build One or Cut Them Down," July 28, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Understand the advantages of creating a public family tree and what you should and should not include. Learn how to deal with incorrect or unsubstantiated information.
 - "Finding, Locating and Using Online Manuscripts," July 28, 10:45-11:45 a.m. Records about families, individuals and neighbors who moved back East often are elusive, but may hold hidden treasure for the persistent researcher. Discover the people with whom they worked, prayed, fought and married.

• "Live or Webinar: Learn More About Genealogical Resources," July 28, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Today's technology allows us to learn from resources far away from our home base. Learn what's available, how to find media and where to most likely find the right answers.

• "Ten Tools You Need Today," July 28, 2:45-3:45 p.m. Discover 10 books or web resources needed by every family researcher to build your reference shelf, and learn how to use these handy references to move your research to the next level.

• "Understand Your Ancestor's Migration and Settlement Using Maps & More," July 29, 1:30-4 p.m. With a combination of modern technology and historic maps, we can view the land in a unique and thorough way. Learn how to combine narrative text and stories with maps, deeds, photographs and other content to share your ancestry.

Family History Month workshops scheduled at other libraries are:

- "DIY Digitization in Action," Central Library, Digital Literacy Lab, Fifth Street and Denver Avenue; July 18 or July 31, 1-2 p.m. Looking to save your family history in a more updated format? Learn how to use our digitization equipment to digitize slides, photographs, vinyl and cassette for your genealogy projects. Registration is required. Register online at www.tulsalibrary.org/events or call 918-549-7323.
- "Explore Ancestry Library Edition," Nathan Hale Library, 6038 E. 23rd St., July 24, 2-3:30 p.m. Get an overview and learn how to use some of the most useful record collections found in Ancestry Library Edition.

Located on the second floor of the Hardesty Regional Library, the Genealogy Center has one of the largest genealogical collections in Oklahoma. A partnership with the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, gives researchers who visit the Genealogy Center online access to the Family History Library's digitized records, including restricted content not available at home.

For more details about the Family History Month workshops or Genealogy Center, go to <http://guides.tulsalibrary.org/genealogy/> or call 918-549-7691.

UPPER CRUST PIZZA HAS NEW MENU

Upper Crust Wood Fired Pizzas recently announced the addition of a brunch menu on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The menus will feature Upper Crust's take on Avocado Toast, a breakfast calzone, and breakfast-inspired pizzas. Brunch cocktails will also be added to the menu.

In addition to brunch, Upper Crust is adding two new pizzas, two new sandwiches, a new appetizer, salad and dessert as well as a customizable charcuterie board.



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Summer is for... PLAY!

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LITERACY AND LEARNING WITHOUT SACRIFICING OUTDOOR PLAY!

In the winter, it's easy to convince young children to cuddle up under a snugly blanket with you and read a book together. However, as spring sets in and summer comes calling, your children (and perhaps you as well) start itching to shove those books under the bed and rush headlong into the great outdoors.

Well, rush away! Books aren't the only way children acquire essential literacy skills. Simple activities such as talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing with your child are all foundational to helping children read as they get older. Here are some fun ways to incorporate early literacy education into your outdoor activities.

Talking: Use *nonfiction* to tame the wilds of nature. There are so many things to see outside, and children are fascinated by all of it! Why not check out a library book about something in nature, such as gardening books, birdwatching guides, or books about weather? You don't need to read these books! Even if you only spend a few minutes looking at the pictures together with your child and talking about them, it's enough to spark a child's imagination and curiosity.

Singing: Play "Ring Around the Rosy." Have you ever noticed how many traditional childhood



games that involve running around the yard are also songs? "Ring Around the Rosy," "London Bridge," and "Pop Goes the Weasel" not only get children up and moving but have the added benefit of building phonological awareness, or an understanding that words are made up of smaller sounds.

Writing: Practice letters outside. Who needs pencil and paper? For toddlers and preschoolers, any activity that builds letter knowledge counts as writing practice. Break out the sidewalk chalk and help your children write their names in your driveway in letters as tall as they are! Take a walk through your

neighborhood and point out the letters on street signs. Talk about the letters all around you and the sounds that they make ("Look at the squirrels! 'Squirrel' starts with S.").

Playing: "Literacy on the Lawn" is the new "Shakespeare in the Park." As your children play in the yard, you can build literacy skills by encouraging imaginative play. Ask your children to act out the plot of their favorite cartoon or bedtime story. This not only stimulates their memory as they try to remember the order of events, but also gets them thinking about why the characters in the story acted as they did, an important step toward understand-

ing more complicated stories as they grow older.

Reading: Keep reading together as much as you can. Okay, so maybe your child is more interested in catching frogs and splashing in pools right now. That's fine! You never want reading to be an obligation or to feel forced. But in those rare moments when your child is amenable to sitting still, it shouldn't be too hard to convince them to cuddle up on top of a snugly old blanket with you and read a book together - on the grass, in the sun, on a picnic. Sometimes, a little change of venue is all you need after a long winter spent indoors.

Don't Forget the Summer Reading Program!

The 2018 Summer Reading Program: Libraries Rock! is still in full force until August 4th. Earn great prizes and coupons for food and local recreation! There's a program for every age: baby, child, teen, and adult! Visit www.tulsa.library.org/summer for more information or drop by any of our 24 library locations and bookmobile.

Showtimes & Concerts



The Tulsa City-County Libraries will be hosting special kid-friendly concerts all month long as part of their Summer Reading Program. Rock with popular artists such as Lucky Diaz and the Family Jam Band, the Laura Doherty Duo, Mr. Stinky Feet, Monty Harper, the Sugar Free All Stars and Dino O'Dell.

OUTDOOR CONCERTS

SUMMER'S FIFTH NIGHT IN UTICA SQUARE

Where: Utica Square, 21st and Utica
When: Every Thursday through August 30, 7-9 p.m.
7/5: Starlight Jazz Orchestra
7/12: Eldredge Jackson
7/19: Red Dirt Rangers
7/26: Mary Cogan

FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT AT LAFORTUNE

Where: The Gardens at LaFortune Park, 5202 S. Hudson Ave.
When: Friday, July 6, 7-9 p.m.

GUTHRIE GREEN SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES

Where: Guthrie Green, 111 E. M.B. Brady St.
When: Every Sunday through the season, 2:30-6:30 p.m.

THE STARLIGHT BAND SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Where: Guthrie Green, 111 E. M.B. Brady St.
When: Tuesday at 8 p.m.
7/10: Concert Band presents "Route 66"
7/17: Concert Band presents "At the Movies" with a Silent Movie
7/24: Jazz Orchestra presents "Jazz Under the Stars"

TCLL CONCERTS FOR KIDS

LAURA DOHERTY DUO: SING, SING A SONG! (TODDLERS THROUGH FIFTH GRADE)
Monday, July 9, 2-2:45 and 3-3:45 p.m. at Owasso Library, 103 W. Broadway St.
Tuesday, July 10, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2-3 p.m., Hardesty Library,

8316 E. 93rd St.
Wednesday, July 11, 1-2 p.m., Central Library, 400 Civic Center

LIBRARIES ROCK WITH DINO O'DELL (TODDLERS THROUGH FIFTH GRADERS)

Monday, July 16, 1-2 p.m. Maxwell Park Library, 1313 N. Canton
Monday, July 16, 4-4:45 p.m. Brookside Library, 1207 E. 45th Pl.
Tuesday, July 17, 6-7 p.m. Broken Arrow Library, 300 W. Broadway Ave.
Wednesday, July 18, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Bixby Library, 20 E. Breckenridge
Wednesday, July 18, 2-3 p.m. Glenpool Library, 730 E. 141st St.
Thursday, July 19, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2-3 p.m. Hardesty Library, 8316 E. 93rd St.

LUCKY DIAZ AND THE FAMILY JAM BAND (ALL AGES)

Monday, July 2, 2-2:45 and 3-3:45 p.m. Owasso Library, 103 W. Broadway St.
Tuesday, July 3, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Helmerich Library, 5131 E. 91st St.
Tuesday, July 3, 2-2:45 p.m. Kendall-Whitner Library, 21 S. Lewis Ave.
Thursday, July 5, 1-2 and 3-4 p.m. Broken Arrow Library/South, 3600 S. Chestnut Ave.
Friday, July 6, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2-3 p.m. Hardesty Library, 8316 E. 93rd St.

MONTY HARPER SINGS! (ALL AGES)

Wednesday, July 11, 10-11 a.m. Russell Library, 1520 N. Hartford Ave.
Thursday, July 12, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Schusterman-Benson Library, 3333 E. 32nd Pl.

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TULSA CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY'S 2018 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

LIBRARIES ROCK!

HAVE YOU JOINED THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM YET? Sign up and complete the program by Aug. 4 and earn great prizes and coupons for free food and local recreation.

Join the fun! Pick up a reading log and Summer Reading Program Event Guide today at your neighborhood library and start earning your rewards!

FOR ALL AGES!



Go to www.TulsaLibrary.org/summer for more details.

