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The Tulsa City-County Library will begin its annual American Indian Festival of Words with a ceremony inducting noted educator Henrietta Mann into the library's American Indian Resource Center's Circle of Honor.

The ceremony will take place at 10:30 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at Zarrow Regional Library, 2224 W. 51st St.

The Circle of Honor ceremony recognizes an American Indian for his or her achievements and contributions that have enriched others' lives, as well as the inductee's action in the face of adversity, commitment to the preservation of American Indian culture and legacy for future generations.

The award consists of a \$5,000 honorarium and a medallion featuring the American Indian Resource Center's turtle logo.

Sponsors of the Circle of Honor include the Maxine and Jack Zarrow Family Foundation, Cherokee Builders Inc., Dr. Frank and Mary Shaw, Friends of the Helmerich Library, American Indian Resource Center and the Tulsa Library Trust.

Mann is full-blood Cheyenne of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma and was the founding president of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College. As a leading expert on American Indian studies, she has lectured throughout the United States, Canada, Germany, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Spain, The Netherlands and Belgium.

As the first person to occupy the endowed chair in Native American studies at Montana State University–Bozeman, Mann is a professor emeritus of Native American studies and is an active member of Montana State University’s Council of Elders.

“We are excited for the Circle of Honor event to return home to Zarrow Regional Library, where the American Indian Resource Center is located,” said Teresa Runnels, American Indian Resource Center coordinator. “It’s the perfect homecoming honor for Dr. Mann, who is a tireless advocate for American Indian education, rights and equality. She is truly one of the greatest elders who thrives on sharing her knowledge.”

Other programs scheduled for the Festival of Words include:

- “Weaving Memories: A Day with a Kituwah-Cherokee Weaver,” 11 a.m. March 10 at Collinsville Library, 1223 Main St.



- “Make and Take: Cherokee Pottery,” 6:30 p.m. March 15 at Bixby Library, 20 E. Breckenridge Ave.
- “The Poison Puzzler Escape Room!” 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (sessions all day) March 16-17 at Zarrow Regional Library, 2224 W. 51st St.
- “Fourth Annual Preserving Our Tribal Languages Forum,” 10 a.m. March 24 at Zarrow Regional Library.

- “Make and Take: Beadwork for Youth,” 4 p.m. March 28 at Kendal-Whittier Library, 21 S. Lewis Ave.
- “Storytelling with Will Hill,” noon March 31 at Suburban Acres Library, 4606 N. Garrison Ave.

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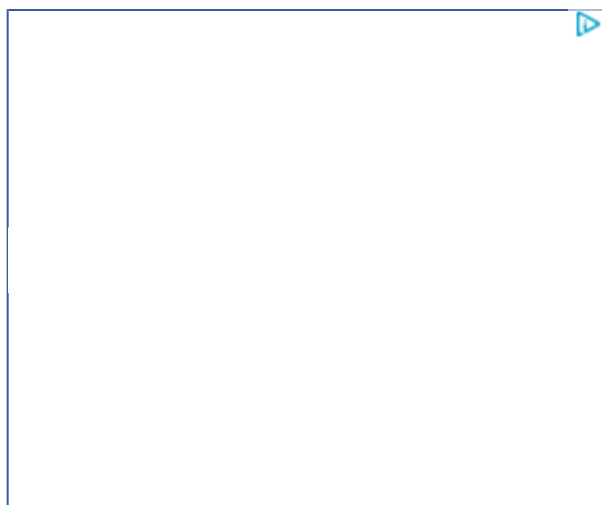
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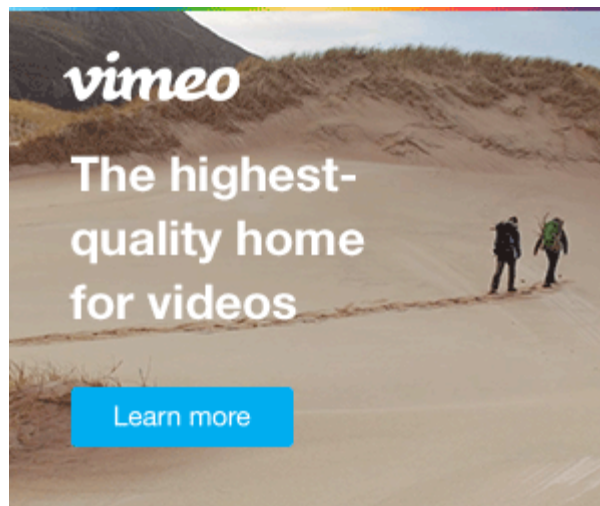
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