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Tulsa Library Celebrates Anniversaries

Friends of the Tulsa City-County Libraries Turns 60

In October, the Tulsa City-County Library system will celebrate two milestones: the one-year anniversary of the reopening of the renovated Central Library and 60 years of support from the Friends of the Tulsa City-County Libraries.

In recognition of the Friends of the Tulsa City-County Libraries, celebrations will be held during National Friends of Libraries Week from October 15-21.

Founded in 1957, Friends of the Tulsa City-County Libraries is a nonprofit organization dedicated to aiding and promoting the activities and goals of the Tulsa City-County Library system. Founding members of the organization played a role in rallying public support for the formation of Tulsa's metropolitan library system in 1961 and in the campaign to build the Central Library building that opened in 1965. The organization also provided tours of the renovated Central Library when it was unveiled last year.

National Friends of Libraries Week, an initiative of the American Library Association, held each October, recognizes the efforts of this group of committed volunteers and supporters that log

over 2,000 hours annually in support of the library.

Activities undertaken by the Friends of the Tulsa City-County Libraries offset public library costs by providing additional resources for programming, staff support and special events. Some of the group's activities include funding scholarships for library personnel's ongoing education, hosting the Adult Creative Writing Contest to encourage and support budding authors, supporting early literacy through the First Book program, providing food and hospitality to the Tulsa City-County Library system staff at their annual professional development day, and hosting an annual event to recognize the library system's dedicated volunteers.

Planned National Friends of Libraries Week activities will include:

Monday, Oct. 16
 11:30 a.m. - Proclamation by Mayor G.T. Bynum, Central Library.
 12:10 p.m. - Books Sandwiched In, a review of Laurie R. King's "The Beekeeper's Apprentice" from

Catherine Gatchell, Central Library. (Started in 1967, Books Sandwiched In is Friends' longest standing program. It runs Mondays from Oct. 2 - Nov. 27.)

Tuesday, Oct. 17
 7 p.m. - Magic City Books will host an author event and book signing with Brit Bennett, author of "The Mothers," Central Library. Visit magiccitybooks.com for event details.

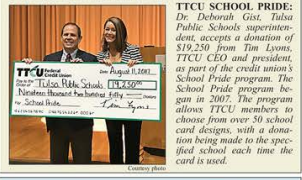
Special giveaways will be on hand for those who join Friends of the Tulsa City-County Libraries during the week's activities.

"As our membership numbers grow, so can our ability to develop even more ambitious ways of supporting our local library system," says President Debora Riggs Grillo.

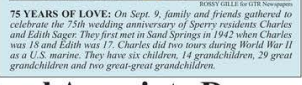
Membership in Friends of the Tulsa City-County Libraries means championing this dynamic, invaluable community resource and ensuring that it will be here for generations to come.

Visit tulsalibrary.org/friends to learn more about the Friends of the Tulsa City-County Libraries and ways to join.

TPS RECEIVES DONATION



TCU SCHOOL PRIDE: Dr. Deborah Gist, Tulsa Public Schools superintendent, accepts a donation of \$19,250 from Tim Lyons, TCU CEO and president, as part of the credit union's School Pride program. The School Pride program began in 2007. The program allows TCU members to choose from over 50 school card designs, with a donation being made to the specified school each time the card is used.



75 YEARS OF LOVE: On Sept. 9, family and friends gathered to celebrate the 75th wedding anniversary of Sperry residents Charles and Edith Sager. They first met in Sand Springs in 1942 when Charles was 18 and Edith was 17. Charles did two tours during World War II as a U.S. marine. They have six children, 14 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

TCC Partners to Offer High School Associate Degree

By EMILY RAMSEY
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In an effort to offer additional avenues for academic success and to break down barriers for area students, Union Public Schools and Tulsa Community College will launch a pilot program in 2018 that will allow students to earn an associate degree by the time of their high school graduation.

The initiative, called Early College High School, is an expansion of concurrent enrollment opportunities already available at Union Collegiate Academy.

However, the initiative is still in

need of approval from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

The students selected to participate will complete a rigorous college prep curriculum in ninth grade before they enter Early College High School. The students will move through the pilot as a group with a specified course sequence and schedule.

The first group of approximately 60 students, called a cohort, is planned to begin the program in 2018-19.

The college courses will be taught by TCC faculty and supported by Union educators and staff. Both education institutions

have agreed to share costs associated with the pilot program and study the outcomes for two groups of students for four years.

"This is the first pilot of its kind in size and scope in Oklahoma, and it involves the third largest college and the sixth largest high school in the state," says TCC President and CEO Leigh Goodson. "We are very excited about what this means for our students, our community and our ability to produce high school and college graduates ready for the workforce."

The goal of the program is to both increase the number of students who go to college and college graduation rates, she continues.



PILOT PROGRAM: From left, Kathy Dodd, Union Public Schools associate superintendent of teaching and learning; Tulsa Community College President and CEO Leigh Goodson; Dr. Cindy Hess, TCC senior vice president and chief academic officer; and Union Superintendent Dr. Kim Hartzler recently announced the creation of the Early College High School pilot program, which will offer Union High School students the opportunity to earn an associate degree by the time of their high school graduation.

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