

NEW TULSA CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY APP NOW AVAILABLE

Tulsa City-County Library's new, free mobile app turns your smartphone or tablet into a library on the go. Convenience is key to connecting with a librarian, downloading your favorite books and music, and searching the library's catalog of services.

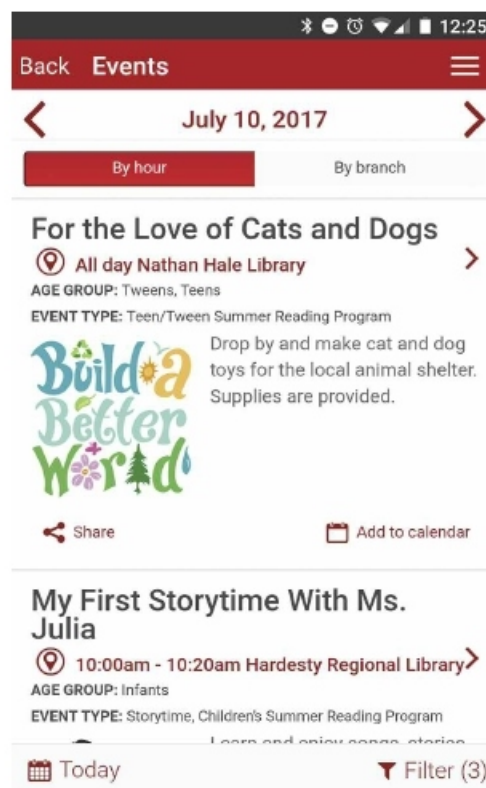
The modern design features an intuitive and easy-to-read layout. Enhanced services allow readers to checkout and download digital items from within the app, get real-time information about catalog records and access all of the library's digital content providers.

Other mobile app features allow you to:

- * Apply for a library card
- * Store your library card in the app for easy access
- * Scan a barcode to see if the library has the item
- * Access your account to see what you have checked out and instantly renew
- * Quickly perform searches with shortened menu options
- * Receive recommended readings
- * Place items on hold for pick-up at any library location
- * Connect with other readers on library social media channels
- * Find the latest library programming

As mobile access to library services increases, TCCL is continually searching for the quickest way to deliver information. With the library's app, customers have an integrated suite of cloud-based applications. To download TCCL's new free app, search "Tulsa City-County Library" in the Apple or Google Play store.

For more information, call the AskUs Hotline, 918.549.7323, or visit www.tulsalibrary.org.



THERAPYWORKS TALENT SHOW AND EVENT

Hometown Heroes is the theme of TherapyWorks 8th Annual Talent Show to be held on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Faith United Methodist Church, 7431 E. 91st Street.

The public is invited to the event, which will feature a gift basket auction, including Rustic Cuff, OSU/TU sports, Drillers and Guys Night Out baskets. Proceeds will benefit the Christmas Working Wonders Angel Tree, which provides gifts for TherapyWorks families in need.

Other family entertainment will include a bounce house, and emergency vehicles and personnel.



HELPING KIDS AFFECTED BY TRAUMA

Thousands of Oklahoma children are affected by trauma, which can disrupt healthy development, leading to life-long psychological and physical problems.

Connected Kids, a Tulsa nonprofit founded by Dr. Barbara Sorrels, offers programs and tools that help families and children build healing connections to overcome their circumstances.

On Thurs., Oct. 5, 2017, 6:30 p.m., Connected Kids is holding a fundraiser at the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame in downtown Tulsa. The event will feature dinner, an auction, and guest speaker Alton Carter, author of "The Boy Who Carried Bricks."

For further information or tickets, go to www.ConnectedKids.org.

UNVACCINATED CHILDREN POSE HEALTH AND ECONOMIC RISK

Researchers at the Stanford University School of Medicine, California, and the Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, estimated the health and economic cost of U.S. children not getting the MMR vaccine. They estimated that even a 5 percent decline in MMR vaccine coverage would result in a three-fold increase in national measles cases in children ages 2 to 11. That would mean a total of 150 cases in this age-group, and an increase in public sector costs of \$2.1 million. When unvaccinated infants, adolescents and adults were added, estimated outbreaks and costs were higher.

The article, published in JAMA Pediatrics, concluded, "The results of our study find substantial health and economic consequences with even minor reductions in MMR coverage due to vaccine hesitancy... These findings should play a key role in any policies adapted by state or national governments that relate to childhood vaccination."

A NIGHT FOR ALL SAINTS EVENT

All Saints Catholic School in Broken Arrow is hosting a fundraising dinner and auction on Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel & Convention Center. The event will feature a dinner, live auction and silent auction.

All Saints serves 400 students in pre-K through eighth grade and offers over 22 elective classes including drama, healthy living and tech education. It also offers Spanish, French and Latin.

The fundraiser is open to the public and proceeds will go to enhance the school's curriculum, offer tuition assistance and to update the facility. For tickets to A Night for All Saints, to donate, or to bid on items in an on-line auction beginning September 16, go to www.AllSaintsAuction.com.

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kids read round-up

Every Wednesday, the Tulsa City-County Library posts a short article related to children's literacy in our "Kids Read" blog at <http://www.tulsalibrary.org/blog/kids-read>. Here are a few of our recent favorites:

Talking Points: Why You Should Have a Conversation This Summer

Summers with kids are not always cheap. Even a trip to the swimming pool, when you add the costs of bathing suits, sunscreen, towels, and snacks, can give your wallet a wallop.

Fortunately, you have an ace in your summer entertainment pocket. Yes, the library, but one more as well: talking.

Talking with your children is the cheapest children's entertainment (besides going to the library!) you will find this summer. The even better news is that this no-cost activity will also directly support your child's brain development and language learning. As research study after research study has shown, the more you talk with babies and young children, the faster they will begin to understand words. And the more you talk with older children, the deeper their thinking will become and the more they will want to learn.

Here are a few topics to talk about with your kids this summer:

- Your favorite places you went or things you did in the summer when YOU were a kid.



READING AND TALKING TO KIDS BUILDS THEIR BRAINS.

For older children, get out a map or check out a book about that place from the library to help add detail to your stories.

- If you could be a fish or a lion, which would you be?
- List all of the things you see in your child's closet. Extra points for picking some objects up and describing them in detail. (This one is particularly good for babies, but you might be surprised at how enthusiastic older children can be to catalog their closet possessions!)
- What do dogs dream about? (Bonus: if you have a fam-

ily dog, ask specifically what [Boomer/Peanut/Zipper] dreams about.)

- Describe your favorite meal in the entire world.

New Book: "Short Stories for Little Monsters"

Most picture books for children feature a single narrative that carries from the first page until the last - a beginning, middle, and end, with a main character who wants something, encounters a problem, or must go somewhere.

(For example, look at the lovely and multi-award-winning

"*Last Stop on Market Street*" written by Matt de la Pena and illustrated by Christian Robinson: a young boy takes a bus across town and discovers beautiful things along the way.)

"*Short Stories for Little Monsters*," written and illustrated by the prolific Marie-Louise Gay, takes a different approach. Instead of following a sustained story, she works much more in the mode of a graphic novel or comic strip a la "*Calvin and Hobbes*," with short vignettes answering important philosophical questions like, Do snails have nightmares? and What do trees talk about?

Each page is divided in the style of a graphic novel, with comic strip boxes of various sizes on each page. The dialogue is also delivered in the same mode via talk bubbles. If your child is eyeing big brother's or sister's graphic novel collections, you might want to steer her into this unusual and witty collection.

It's also a great book to share with children who ask funny questions and like exploring off-kilter topics.

Where Do Poison Frogs Get Their Poison?

Where do poison frogs get their poison? How do spider monkeys discourage intruders? What scientific family do prairie dogs belong to?

If you're using the Britannica PreK-8 database offered through the library's website, you could find the answers to these ques-

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tions* easily.

Sure, you could go to Google, but with the Britannica database, you know immediately that the information you are getting is accurate and reliable -- it comes from the folks who write the encyclopedia, after all.

Spend a little family research time on the Britannica PreK-8 database and see what other fascinating facts (animal and otherwise) you can find! Go to www.tulsalibrary.org, select "Research & Learn" and then "Al-

phabetical List of Resources." If you are not at a library computer, you will need to enter your name and library card number.

*Poison frogs get their poison by eating beetles. Spider monkeys break off tree branches and try to drop them on intruders and bark like dogs when approached. Prairie dogs are part of the squirrel family.

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