

FREE "HARMONIKIDS" AND "BEGINNING HARMONICA FOR YOUTH" CLASSES

Kids and teens who want to learn to play the harmonica are invited to two free programs that will be held at the 2017 Society for the Preservation and Advancement of the Harmonica (SPA) Convention, Fri. and Sat., Aug. 18 and 19 at the Hyatt Regency Tulsa.

Joe Filako will teach "Beginning Harmonica for Youth" from 9-11:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 18. Joe has taught for 25 years and his motto is, "If you can breathe, you can play the harmonica!" This session is open to anyone younger than 21.

Gary Allegretto will teach the "Harmonikids" session on Sat., Aug. 19, 9-11:30 a.m. for children and youth ages 5-19. The session is described as "a fun and cheerful event that starts with Gary's highly captivating harmonica performance."

All youth attending the sessions will be given a free diatonic harmonica in the key of "C" to use in class and to take with them.

Since 1985 Harmonikids has been providing the therapeutic healing power of teaching music to over 100,000 kids with physical and emotional challenges worldwide. For more information, visit www.harmonikids.org.



"CHAPTERS" LITERACY FUNDRAISER AT TCCL

Spend an enjoyable evening after hours in the library with three favorite authors while helping raise money and awareness for Tulsa City-County Library's Ruth G. Hardman Adult Literacy Service.

In conjunction with National Literacy Awareness Month, Tulsa City-County Library and the Tulsa Library Trust are offering "Chapters: A Casual Evening of Books, Bards and Bites" on Thursday, Sept. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hardesty Regional Library, 8316 E. 93rd St. The cost is \$50 per person. Deadline for reservations is Aug. 31.

Attendees will get to enjoy food and wine from some of the area's favorite restaurants while listening to authors Jennifer Latham, David Leite and Julia Thomas.

Latham published her first novel, a young adult mystery called *Scarlett Under Cover*, in 2015. In February 2017, she published *Dreamland Burning*, a novel about the Tulsa Race Riot. Latham lives in Tulsa with her husband, two daughters, two dogs, a cat, three turtles, three hermit crabs and a bunch of fish.

Leite is a memoirist, cookbook author, food writer and publisher of the James Beard Award-winning website *Leite's Culinaria*. His newest book, *Notes on a Banana: A Memoir of Food, Love, and Manic Depression*, was published in April 2017. His first book, *The New Portuguese Table*, won the 2010 IACP Julia Child Award, as well as garnering other distinctions. Leite is a frequent television guest, and a correspondent and guest host for National Public Radio's "The Splendid Table."

Thomas is a graduate of Northeastern State University and an educator. She published her first novel, a standalone British mystery called *The English Boys*, in 2016. Her second novel, *Penhale Wood*, was published in July 2017. She lives in Broken Arrow with her husband, Will Thomas, author of the *Barker and Llewelyn* mystery series.

Authors' books will be available for purchasing with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the literacy service. Call 918.549.7494 for more information about "Chapters" or to make a reservation.



TULSA MINI MAKER FAIRE

The Hardesty Center for Fab Lab Tulsa is hosting the Tulsa Mini Maker Faire on Saturday, Aug. 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Central Park Hall at Expo Square at 21st and Yale in Tulsa.

The Mini Maker Faire is a gathering of people who enjoy learning and who love sharing what they can do. From engineers to artists to scientists to crafters, Maker Faire is a venue for these "makers" to show hobbies, experiments and projects. Organizers describe it as "the Greatest Show (& Tell) on Earth - a family friendly showcase of invention, creativity and resourcefulness."

Tulsa's Mini Maker Faire is the local version of the award-winning national and international event celebrating technology, education, science, arts, crafts, engineering, food, sustainability and more in order to show people ideas and projects that they may not encounter every day. It can be a glimpse into the future.

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September 16 - 1-3 p.m. - For ages 8-12 years old

A new program that focuses on STEM and incorporates art into the mix. Classes are designed to inspire children to become makers and critical thinkers using design as well as art elements and theory to solve tech issues. \$8 for members; \$10 for not-yet members. Register online at gilcrease.org.



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THE MEMORIAL OVERLOOK.

The Children's Plaza is especially engaging for the little ones, for it is designed to teach them about the event by emphasizing how even children can participate in the help and healing process. Included is an artistic wall, constructed from hand-painted tiles that display loving thoughts, prayers and messages sent from kids all over the world. To enable visiting children to express themselves and write down their own special reflections, there are multiple chalkboards embedded in the ground with various colored chalks to choose from.

Noteworthy Logistics

For arguably the best experience, take the indoor museum's self-guided tour first, followed by a leisurely stroll through each of the distinct areas of the outdoor memorial. Allow two to

three hours to soak in all that is offered here. The outdoor space is lit up at night and many suggest taking time to see it then, too.

Located in the heart of downtown Oklahoma City on Northwest 6th and Harvey Avenue, the Outdoor Memorial is free to all who visit and is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9-6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. For your convenience, tickets can be bought the day of your visit or in advance online. Adults are \$15, students who are 6 and older (with ID), Military (with ID) and seniors are \$12, and those 5 and younger are free of charge.

For more information, check out www.memorialmuseum.com. And, read about the annual marathon that welcomes kids' participation each year.

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