

LIBRARY TO HONOR AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR TIM TINGLE

Tim Tingle (Choctaw) will receive the Tulsa Library Trust's "Festival of Words Writers Award" March 4, 10:30 a.m., at Hardesty Regional Library's Connor's Cove, 8316 E. 93rd St. His award presentation will be followed by a book signing and a day of educational American Indian family events from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

The award, presented every other year, consists of a \$5,000 honorarium and an engraved crystal.

Tingle is a storyteller and award-winning author of books for children, teens and adults. He earned his master's degree in English Literature at the University of Oklahoma with a focus on American Indian studies. Since the early 1990s, Tingle has spent hundreds of hours interviewing Choctaw tribal elders throughout the South in an effort to create a personal and historical narrative.

In 2005, he was selected as the featured author for Oklahoma Reads Oklahoma, for his book, *Walking the Choctaw Road*. This book features 12 stories with a mix of historical accounts, traditional lore and tales from everyday life. Tingle collected stories through interviews with Choctaw tribal elders. Told in chronological order, the stories range from the days when most Choctaws were living in Mississippi to the Trail of Tears, including difficulties in modern times.

"My dad and his brothers and sisters told story after story of our family surviving the Trail of Tears," recalled Tingle. "John Carnes, my great, great grandfather was 10 years old when his town was burned to the ground and the journey began. It seemed every weekend we children were treated to various versions of John's story."

His first children's book, *Crossing Bok Chitto*, earned more than 20 state and national awards, including Best Children's Book from the American Library Association. It also was named an Editor's Choice by the New York Times Books Review.

Tingle was a featured author and speaker at the 2014 National Book Festival in Washington, D.C., based on the critical acclaim for *How I Became a Ghost*, which won the 2014 American Indian Library Association Youth Literature Award. *How I Became a Ghost* is the first in a planned trilogy told through the perspective of a young Choctaw boy, Isaac. He recounts his tribe's removal from the only land its people have ever known, and how their journey to Oklahoma led him to become a ghost – one with the ability to help those he left behind. Isaac leads a remarkable group of Choctaw comrades: a tough-minded teenage girl, a shape-shifting panther boy, a lovable 5-year-old ghost who only wants her mom and dad to be happy, and Isaac's talking dog, Jumper.

The next book in the series, *When a Ghost Talks, Listen*, is scheduled to be released in 2017. Focusing on the most esteemed Choctaw leader of all time, United States Army General and Choctaw Chief Pushmataha, the reader is transported to Washington, D.C., 1824, to explore the circumstances surrounding Pushmataha's mysterious death.

His latest novel, *House of Purple Cedar*, won the 2016 American Indian Youth Literature Award. Set in the 1890s in Spiro, Oklahoma, it describes challenges facing Choctaws and incoming white settlers.

Every Labor Day, Tingle performs a Choctaw story before the Chief's State of the Nation Address, a gathering that attracts more than 90,000 tribal members and friends. In June of 2011, Tingle spoke at the Library of Congress and presented his first performance at the Kennedy Center, delivering a keynote address at the National Education Association's Annual Assembly.

Family events during the Festival of Words events include:

Genealogy Research - 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. - Second Floor - Tulsa City County Library's Genealogy Center houses one of the largest genealogy collections in Oklahoma. One of the highlights of the collection is their American Indian resources. Discover the many services and resources available to family history researchers at the Center.

Native Culture Maker Spaces -11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. - First Floor - Participants will get to take the projects home that they make.

- Cherokee Pottery by Crystal Hanna
- Fingerweaving by Michel Laudermilk
- Cherokee Basket weaving by Choogie Kingfisher
- Sculptures with Lisan and Dana Tiger
- Pony bead key chains by Stella Foster

Children's Crafts 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. -Children's Area, First Floor – Families can enjoy a variety of different crafting areas to make a memento to take home.

Zoo 2 U: Oklahoma Wild - 11:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. - Story Time Room - This family presentation from the Tulsa Zoo will bring a better understanding of the natural world while encouraging a healthy appreciation of wildlife and conservation. Audience limited to 50 participants per session.

Preserving Our Tribal Languages Forum - 11:30 – 1:30 p.m. The Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission and the American Indian Resource Center will showcase the rich culture of native languages while focusing on native youth and children. All tribes are invited to participate.

Traditional American Indian Dance Exhibition Presented by All Nations Indian Youth 1:30 p.m. – First Floor - All Nations Indian Youth, coordinated by Alice White Cloud, is a group of intertribal dancers who perform a variety of traditional American Indian dances representing their different tribes.

Food Concessions - "National Champion Indian Tacos" by Monie Horsechief of Horsechief Catering

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



continued next page



SUPERHERO - CHALLENGE -

Superhero Fun for the Entire Family, Benefitting the Child Abuse Network
SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2017 1-4PM

POSTOAK Lodge & Retreat, 15 Minutes from Downtown Tulsa

PRESENTING SPONSORS



SUPERHERO CHALLENGE \$20

Two Obstacle Courses. All Ages Welcome.

Register Online: ChildAbuseNetwork.org

For Questions: 918-624-0217 // [Facebook.com/CANSuperheroChallenge](https://www.facebook.com/CANSuperheroChallenge)

Presenting Media Sponsor:

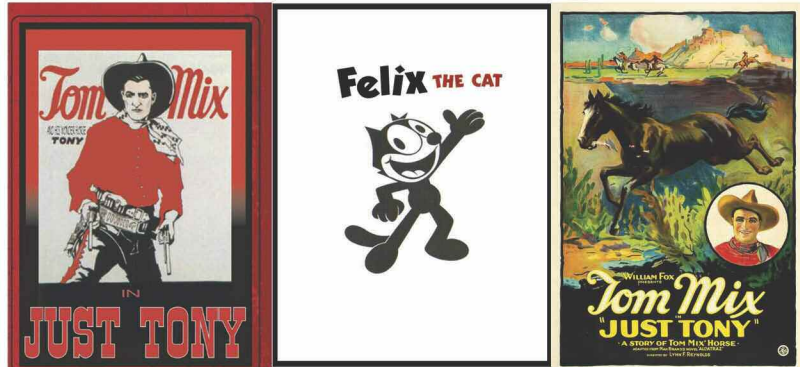


Additional Sponsors:



Second Saturday Silents

Live organist + Silent film + Felix the Cat cartoon



The silent film series featuring Circle's 1928 theatre pipe organ!

Sat, March 11 11:00 AM

FREE (courtesy of Hughes Lumber Company of Tulsa and Dewey)

The historic Circle Cinema is located at

10 S. Lewis Ave Tulsa, OK



CIRCLECINEMA

Sooner State Chapter American Theatre Organ Society

tulsakids
FOR PARENTS. FOR FAMILIES. FOR LIFE.

Get Homework Help Now!

With Tulsa City-County Library's
FREE Online Homework Assistance

Powered by Brainfuse

Featuring Live Tutors

(2-11 p.m., daily CST) Get EXPERT one-to-one subject-specific help for students in grades K-12 ... plus college! Spanish-speaking tutors available too!



FREE Brainfuse App

Available in App Store or Google Play

Visit www.TulsaLibrary.org/homeworkhelp and use your Tulsa City-County Library card to access Homework Help Now!

DON'T HAVE A LIBRARY CARD?

Apply online at www.TulsaLibrary.org/application and get instant access to this service and more!



tulsakids
www.tulsakids.com

18 | SATURDAY

IMAGINATION DAYS AT AHHA

AHHA invites families to learn about the art of our time and experience it firsthand. Inspired by current AHHA exhibitions, this program fosters the development of lifelong skills through gallery explorations, openended discussions, films, demonstrations and individual and collaborative hands-on art activities. Hardesty Arts Center (AHHA), 101 East Archer St.; noon-5 p.m.

19 | SUNDAY

FUNDAY SUNDAY AT GILCREASE (FREE)

It's an afternoon of museum fun for the whole family. Visitors can enjoy various art-making stations in the museum, each offering different materials and themes as well as teaching artists to help guide and inspire.

An art hunt is available to explore in the galleries, with a prize at the end. Families also can enjoy our interactive space, Kravis Discovery Center, exploring the extensive gardens and special featured activities. Gilcrease Museum, 1400 North Gilcrease Museum Rd.; noon - 4 p.m.
www.gilcrease.utulsa.edu

20 | MONDAY

SEE SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES.

SENSORY FOR YOUNG SCIENTISTS AT THE TULSA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Let your little scientists explore their senses. Listen to a science-themed story before experimenting on your own. Tulsa Children's Museum, 560 N Maybelle Ave.; 10:30 a.m.

21 | TUESDAY

SEE SIDEBARS FOR ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS.

22 | WEDNESDAY

SYMPHONY BY THE SEA FOR STUDENTS

Symphony by the Sea for Students is a unique field trip opportunity combining arts and science education through a partnership of the Oklahoma Aquarium and the Tulsa Symphony Orchestra. Students travel to three stations in the Aquarium to learn about a particular animal or habitat and a selected musical ensemble. Reservations are processed in the order received:
www.okaquaarium.org

23 | THURSDAY

THE CRAFT CONNECTION (FREE)

Enjoy making crafts with your friends or family! For ages 10-18. Schusterman-Benson Library 3333 E 32nd Pl.; 6 p.m.

BOUNCE'N BEETHOVENS EVENING EDITION

(FREE) Join Katherine Battenberg from the Midtown School of Performing Arts for a high-energy parent/child music class that introduces children to a variety of musical instruments and styles. For newborns to 5-year-olds. Class size is limited and registration is required: 918.549.7323. Owasso Library, 103 W Broadway St.; 6:30 p.m.

24 | FRIDAY

SEE SIDEBARS FOR ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS.

25 | SATURDAY

EXPLORATORIUM

(FREE) One-stop shop for information about visual and performing arts classes in Tulsa - from kids' summer camps to adult education programs. Don't spend your summer on the couch, get creative! Charles Schusterman Jewish Community Center, 2021 East 71st St.; noon-4 p.m.

26 | SUNDAY

SEE SIDEBARS FOR ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS.

27 | MONDAY

EAT BETTER, MOVE MORE (FREE)

This nine-week class for older adults and/or caregivers focuses on improving nutrition and introducing movement and exercise. Instructors will share ways to improve your nutrition, and simple, fun ways to introduce movement and exercise into everyday routines. This class also will help you develop a plan that will enhance the quality of your life. Presented by the Oklahoma Healthy Aging Initiative. Registration is required: 918.549.7323.

AMAZING CUBELETS: MINIROBOTS (FREE)

Create cubed robots that roll, spin and twist at the flick of your wrist. Combine Cubelets with LEGOS to create more interesting robots. For ages 10-18. Herman and Kate Kaiser Library, 5202 S Hudson Ave Suite B; 3:30 p.m.

STORYTIME

Bixby Library (20 E. Breckenridge, Bixby)

- Preschool Storytime: Mondays, March 6, 13, 20, 27 • 11-11:30 a.m.
- My First Storytime: Mondays, March 6, 13, 20, 27 • 10:10-10:30 a.m.

Broken Arrow Library (300 W. Broadway, Broken Arrow)

- My First Storytime: Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 • 10:30-11 a.m.
- Preschool Storytime with Miss Hannah: Mondays, March 6, 13, 20, 27 • 10:30-11 a.m.

Broken Arrow Library/South (3600 S. Chestnut, Broken Arrow)

- Preschool Storytime: Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 • 10:30-11 a.m.
- My First Storytime: Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 • 10:30-11 a.m.

Brookside Library (1207 E 45th Pl.)

- Preschool Storytime: Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 • 10:15-10:45 a.m.
- My First Storytime: Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 • 11-11:20 a.m.

Central Library (400 Civic Center, Tulsa)

- Family Evening Storytime: Mondays, March 6, 13, 20, 27 • 6:30-7 p.m.
- Family Storytime: Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 • 10:30-11 a.m.
- Toddlers & Tales: Wednesday, March 8 • 10:30-11 a.m.

Charles Page Library (551 E. Fourth St., Sand Springs)

- Preschool Storytime with Miss Alice: Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Hardesty Regional Library (8316 E 93rd St., Tulsa)

- My First Storytime with Miss Julia : Mondays, March 6, 13, 20, 27 • 10-10:20 a.m. and Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 • 10-10:20 a.m.
- Toddler Time: Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 • 10-10:20 a.m. and Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 • 11-11:20 a.m.

- Mr. Paul's Family Storytime: Thursdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 • 6:30-7 p.m.

- Mr. Paul's Preschool Storytime: Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 • 11-11:30 a.m.

Helmerich Library

- Mr. Adam's Stay and Play Storytime: Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Herman and Kate Kaiser (5202 S. Hudson Ave., Suite B, Tulsa)

- My First Storytime: Thursday, March 2 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Preschool Storytime: Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Jenks Library (523 W. B St., Jenks)

- My First Storytime: Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 • 10-10:15 a.m.
- Preschool Storytime: Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 • 10:30-11 a.m.

Judy Z. Kishner (10150 N. Cincinnati Ave., Tulsa)

- Family Storytime: Thursdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 • 11:30-noon

Martin Regional Library (2601 S. Garnett Rd., Tulsa)

- Bilingual Flamenco Storytime: Saturday, March 4 • 2-2:30 p.m.
- Bilingual Storytime: Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 • 11-11:30 a.m.

Maxwell Park (1313 N. Canton, Tulsa)

- Preschool Storytime: Wednesdays, March 1, 15, 22, 29 • 10:30-11 a.m.
- Storytimes: Tuesdays, March 14, 21, 28 • 3-3:30 p.m.

Pottery Barn Book Club Storytime (Utica Square)

- Tuesdays at 11 a.m.

Pratt Library (3219 S. 113th W. Ave., Tulsa)

- Miss Connie's Storytime: Thursdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Schusterman - Benson Library (3333 E. 32nd Place, Tulsa)

- My First Storytime: Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 • 10-10:20 a.m. and Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 • 10:30-10:50 a.m.
- Bilingual Storytime: Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 • 10:30-11 a.m.

Tulsa Toy Depot (101st & Sheridan, Tulsa)

- Thursdays at 11 a.m.

Zarrow Regional Library (2224 W 51st St., Tulsa)

- Stay and Play Storytime: Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

THERE'S MORE: WWW.TULSAKIDS.COM/STORYTIME

BY LAURA RAPHAEL, CHILDREN'S SERVICES COORDINATOR, TULSA CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY

a whole new world: 5 tips for playing with your toddler

As we continue our series on the importance of play, I want you to consider the radical changes going on in a toddler and young child's brain every day. It's literally a whole new world for them, Aladdin on the wildest carpet ride imaginable.

While children used their senses as babies (and even in the womb), by the time they are 2 and 3 years old, they start putting together all of that data – what they see and hear and taste and smell and feel – into larger frameworks. They begin to recognize and make sense of patterns. Memories start to encode and last. Language – both hearing and speaking – explodes.

And that's why the toddler/preschool stage is the sweet spot of development for enriching play.

How Play Gets Deep

Sometimes, play does not get the respect it deserves because it is so... well, playful. But when you recall that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights included "The Right to Play" (Article #24) as an unalienable right, you start to realize how deadly serious it is.

Why? One reason is that play helps your children connect everything they are learning and



ENGAGING IN PLAY WITH TODDLERS AND PRESCHOOLERS IS ONE OF THE GREAT JOYS OF PARENTHOOD. KIDS THIS AGE ARE DELIGHTFUL TO BE WITH AS THEY EXPLORE NEW IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES.

rehearse that knowledge and insight. For example, putting a baby doll to sleep is not just putting a baby doll to sleep – it's allowing children to think about the general concepts of caring and nurturing as well as the specific facts of how to use a pillow and blanket.

5 Tips for Playing With Your Toddler and Pre-Schooler

Engaging in play with toddlers and preschoolers is one of the great joys of parenthood. Kids this age are delightful to be with as they explore new ideas and experiences. Here are some suggestions to make playtime even more enriching and fun:

1. Pretend... everything!

Are you going to the grocery store later? Play grocery store. It

may be the thick of winter, but you can pretend swimming in a pool or on a beach. Even driving around town to run errands can be a rich source of pretend – preschoolers love to be drivers of imaginary cars because it makes them feel powerful and act like the grown-ups in their lives. If you're having difficulty thinking of pretend scenarios, look no further than your child's favorite picture books.

2. In, Out, Up, Down, Under.

The "preposition game" is a fun one to play when children start to understand the concepts of "in," "out," "up," "down," "under," and "over." Give them a stuffed animal and a direction: "Put Paddington under the pillow!" or "What happens when Paddington goes in the box? Show me!"

3. I Spy. Don't forget the classics!

"I spy with my little eye... something blue!" The beauty of this game is that you can play it in situations where you are waiting – in a doctor's office, at the airport, standing in line at the post office. If you're home and are less constrained, you can create an "I Spy" poster or display together: cut out pictures from magazines and glue onto a blank page.

4. Use "True" Toys. Toys with batteries, lights and flashy

continued next page



"She took so many selfies of herself making that duck face, her face froze like that. Luckily, it's not permanent."

parts may seem better than an empty Kleenex box and a washcloth, but research shows that the simpler the toy, the richer the play. "True" toys like balls, scarves, simple trucks and dolls are more likely to engage the imagination by allowing children to think beyond what they see and create a new reality – rather than follow the prescribed narrative of a Saturday-morning-TV toy.

For example, a game of "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!" (you or your child can take turns being Pigeon) can be just the thing to make a toddler laugh uncontrollably, not to mention learn about self-control and disappointment.

Above all, remember that playing is an important part of how your child is learning to navigate the magical, rich, wide-open world... with your help.

5. Watch, Comment and Ask. More than anything, your attention is what matters the most when you and your child sit down to play together. Watch your child carefully and make comments about what he or she is doing. And then don't be afraid to ask questions and share suggestions! "I noticed that all of the foods in this bowl are yellow. Do yellow foods taste different from blue ones?"

Bonus Tip: Play with Books!
If you're all out of ideas about what to play – think books!

HORSE RIDING LESSONS
PRIVATE OR GROUP LESSONS
HORSE & EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

SUMMER CAMPS
RIDING DAY CAMPS
JUNE & JULY

LEASES, BOARDING, PARTIES, & MORE
WWW.SADDLEBACKEQUESTRIAN.COM
(918) 408-6446

SUMMER ARTS ACADEMY

1-WEEK SESSIONS:
PAINTING
DRAWING
PHOTOGRAPHY
FILM / VIDEO
PRINTMAKING
SCULPTURE
FASHION / SEWING
GLASS ART

APPLY ONLINE:
AHHATULSA.ORG
918.584.3333

JUNE & JULY 2017 | BRADY ARTS DISTRICT | GRADES 6-8

BROKEN ARROW VOLLEYBALL CLUB
VOLLEYBALL
YOUTH RECREATIONAL/INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE

AGES 7-17
BOYS & GIRLS
LEAGUE FEES: \$65

SPRING, SUMMER
AND FALL LEAGUES

GAMES ON SATURDAYS
PRACTICE 1 NIGHT PER WEEK
NIENHUIS COMMUNITY CENTER
3201 NORTH 9TH STREET

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER VISIT
WWW.BAYC.CLUB

GREENWOOD CULTURAL CENTER

SUMMER ARTS PROGRAM

June 1 – 30, 2017 • 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. • Children ages 5 – 11
Monthly Tuition: \$160 • Family Discounts Available!
Fun classes, field trips & a Grand Finale Performance
Call Michelle Brown at 918.596.1020 for info or visit us at www.greenwoodculturalcenter.com

PAYPAL NOW AVAILABLE FOR PAYMENTS!

LIVING ARTS

ARTS CAMP

JULY 17 – 28, 2017

VIDEO
SCULPTURE
NEW MUSIC
PERFORMANCE

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE
ENROLL AT LIVINGARTS.ORG

Discover the Difference

Riding Lessons
Showing
Boarding
Parties

Now Enrolling
Summer Camps

Hunters • Jumpers • Equitation
River Run Farm
www.riverrunfarmok.com
9300 S. 51st West Ave.
918-855-5032