



Tim Tingle

Library to honor Choctaw storyteller

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. Previous winners include: 2001, Joy Harjo (Muscogee Creek); 2003, Vine DeLoria Jr. (Standing Rock Sioux); 2005, Leslie Marmon-Silko (Laguna Pueblo) 2007, Carter Revard (Osage); 2011, LeAnne Howe, (Choctaw); 2013, Sterlin Harjo, (Seminole/Muscogee Creek); and 2015, Joseph Bruchac, (Abenaki).

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 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.

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.

Events during the Festival of Words 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 - Come and enjoy a day of make and take! Participants will get to take the projects home that they make.

- *Cherokee Pottery by Crystal Hanna*
- *Fingerweaving by Michel Lauder milk*
- *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 - Join us for Oklahoma wildlife! 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.

3rd Annual 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.

Presenters include:

- *Travis Mammasety (Kiowa)*
- *Robin Soweka (Muscogee Creek)*
- *George Blanchard (Absentee Shawnee)*
- *Paul Barton (Seneca-Cayuga)*
- *Tracy Moore (Osage)*

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

Sponsors for the American Indian Festival of Words include the Tulsa Library Trust, Tulsa City-County Library’s American Indian Resource Center, The Maxine and Jack Zarrow Family Foundation, Dr. Frank and Mary Shaw, Friends of the Helmerich Library, Greater Tulsa Indian Affairs, and Tulsa Indian Community Foundation.

For more information on library programming, call the AskUs Hotline, 918-549-7323, or visit the library’s website, www.tulsalibrary.org.

MARCH 4: AMERICAN INDIAN FESTIVAL OF WORDS

Event hosted by the Tulsa Library features a talk and booksigning by honored author Tim Tingle, help with genealogy research, Native culture maker spaces, children's crafts, tribal language forum and American Indian dance exhibition.

Enjoy National Champion Indian Tacos served by Monie Horsechief for lunch.

10:30 am - 2:30 pm at Hardesty Regional Library, 8316 East 93rd Street, Tulsa.



MARCH 19: NATIVE AMERICAN ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

The Intertribal Indian Club of Tulsa's Native American Arts and Crafts fair will bring 50 artists to Osage Casino in Tulsa for this stand-alone Native American art market which features traditional beadwork, handwoven baskets, dolls, paintings, jewelry, ceramics, fine apparel, sculptures, and much more.

10am - 7pm at the Osage Event Center, 951 West 36th Street North, Tulsa. Phone 918-378-4494



EVERY TUESDAY

A TASTE OF NATIVE OKLAHOMA LUNCHESES 11 am-2 pm. Featuring Indian Tacos & More. Jacobson House Native Art Center, 609 Chautauqua Ave., Norman

EVERY WEDNESDAY

POWWOW SINGING & DRUMMING 6:30 pm-8:30 pm. Hosted by OU SNAG. Jacobson House Native Art Center, 609 Chautauqua Ave., Norman

EVERY 1st FRIDAY

INDIAN TACO SALES from 4:00 – 8:00 pm at Angie Smith Memorial UMC, 400 S. W. 31st Street, Oklahoma City

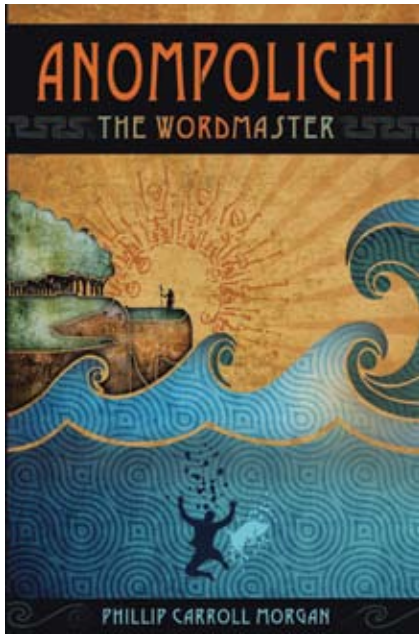
FLUTE CIRCLE from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Jacobson House Native Art Center, 609 Chautauqua Ave., Norman

EVERY 2nd SATURDAY

INDIAN TACO SALES from 11-2:30pm at OK Choctaw Tribal Alliance, 5320 S. Youngs Blvd, Oklahoma City www.okchoctaws.org

EVERY 3rd SATURDAY

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST from 8- to 11:00 am at Angie Smith Memorial UMC, 400 S.W. 31st Street, Oklahoma City.



- FEATURED READING -
**ANOMPOLICHI:
 THE WORDMASTER**
 PHILLIP CARROLL MORGAN

Set sail on an exploration with 14th century Scottish sailing master Robert Williams as he voyages through a powerful storm that leads him to the New World and into a dangerous and unforgettable journey.

Beginning in North America in 1399, author Phillip Carroll Morgan weaves a tale of intrigue and adventure in his historical fiction novel "Anompolichi: The Wordmaster."

Readers joining Robert Williams on his journey meet a remarkable Native – Iskifa Ahalopa, known by his people as anompolichi, a wordmaster - who recognizes the newcomer from a dream.

Robert and his new friend soon find themselves caught up in intrigue and plunged into perilous adventure in the New World long before history recorded its discovery.

Morgan is an award-winning author of three Chickasaw Press titles "Anompolichi: The Wordmaster" is his first novel published by the White Dog Press, a secondary imprint under the Chickasaw Press.

Morgan holds a master’s degree and a doctorate in Native American literature from the University of Oklahoma.

"Anompolichi: The Wordmaster" can be purchased online at www.chickasawpress.com or as a Kindle e-book through Amazon for \$7.99.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Press at (580) 436-7282 or info@chickasawpress.com.

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Bacone hosting inaugural Native language fair

MUSKOGEE – Bacone College's Center for Tribal Languages will host its first Oklahoma Native American Young Adult Language Fair April 1. The goal is to encourage the learning, teaching and revitalization of Native languages by young adults.

Entrants ages 18 to 30 will have an opportunity to present their Native language project or performance at this inaugural event, to be held at Bacone College, 2299 Old Bacone Road, Muskogee.

The project/performance categories are:

- Individual, Small, and Large Group Spoken Language
- Individual, Small, and Large Group Traditional Song in Language
- Individual, Small, and Large Group Modern Song in Language
- Native Language Advocacy Essay-Written and Performed in Language (with or without translation)
- Film and Video-in Language
- Powerpoint Presentations -in Language
- Spoken Poetry -in Language

Special Categories:

- Comics/Graphic Novels
- Posters
- Written Poetry
- Books/Literature

A free workshop on establishing a Master Apprentice total immersion program will be offered during the fair. Led by Center for Tribal Languages Director Jacob Manatowa-Bailey, the time of the workshop will be announced during the fair's opening ceremony.

The 2017 ONAYAL Fair is being held in conjunction with another inaugural event – the River City Intertribal Celebration of Muskogee. This event brings a powwow and Native art show to the campus on the same day as the fair.

For updated information and entry form, visit www.bacone.edu/center-for-tribal-languages/2017-fair or email kinseyt@bacone.edu.

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