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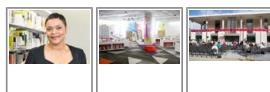
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Kimberly Johnson, CEO of Tulsa City-County Library



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Our motto "Libraries Change Lives" truly embodies everything we endeavor to do at the Tulsa City-County Library. In fact, the people of Tulsa County are the reason we come to work each day to collaborate on new and exciting programming and services to help make the Tulsa area an exciting place to live, work and attend school.

With nearly 2 million resources from which to select and borrow and 24 locations, Tulsa City-County Library literally makes life better for all. If you have not taken the opportunity to explore what's new at your library, I invite you to visit us and see all there is to offer at this outstanding resource.

Our communities are full of lifelong learners, and at the Tulsa City-County Library we provide a commonplace and natural platform for intergenerational learning, as well as a place for entrepreneurs, small businesses and startups to succeed.

From a programmatic standpoint, we offer an array of options, such as our Oklahoma's Historic All-Black Towns Tour. This daytrip

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Parents or caregivers of young children should bring your preschoolers to Tulsa City-County Library's Build-A-Reader storytimes. These programs are one of the best and most enjoyable ways to engage your child in reading and stimulate his or her creativity. At these fun programs, our children's librarians incorporate reading, singing and music while offering parents and caregivers the opportunity to bond. Be swept away by this high-energy storytime and then download the Build-A-Reader app to expand on this great learning experience at home.

Looking for inspiration to write that first novel? Attend one of our many author presentations and learn from the pros how to break through that writer's block and bring your own story to fruition.

Perhaps you would like to improve your computer skills. From MS Word to PowerPoint 101 to Computers for Seniors, Tulsa City-County Library offers a bounty of free instructional classes to open the window to opportunities and help you excel in our 21st century high-tech world.

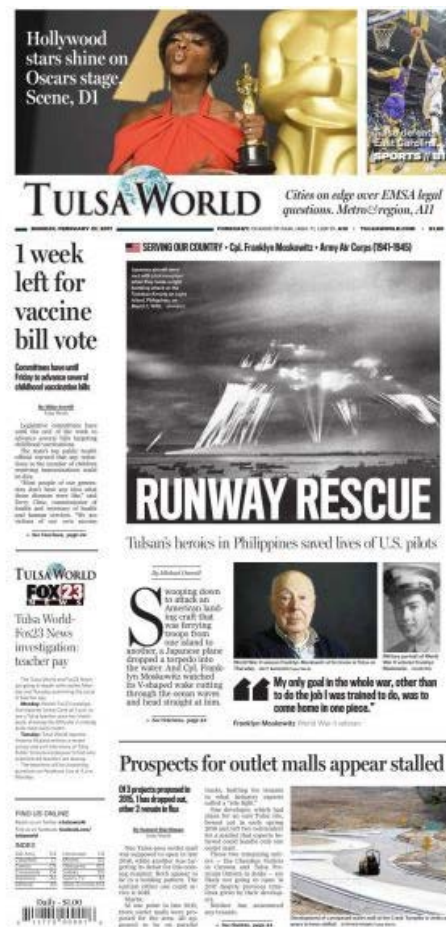
Have you ever wanted to know what it would be like to be a pilot? Or has your child expressed an interest in becoming an aviator? Well, your renewed downtown Central Library is home to two flight simulators to provide an opportunity to inspire young and old alike to explore the possibility of flight. So fasten your seatbelts and prepare to take off!

Our Central Library also features a free Recording Studio for local musicians and aspiring recording artists to produce their own CDs to launch their musical careers.

If that isn't impressive enough, Central Library now offers a Maker Space lab where you can design and create your own prototype as well as a multitude of other projects with a variety of machines, such as 3-D printers, a CNC mill, a laser engraver, vinyl cutter, sewing machines and more. Other 3-D printers also are available at our Hardesty, Rudisill and Zarrow regional libraries.

Did you know that you can receive more than 175 digital magazine subscriptions at no charge delivered directly to your tablet or mobile phone? Visit our website at www.TulsaLibrary.org/emagazines, sit back and relax and enjoy reading some of the most popular magazines on us!

This is just a small sampling of all the wonderful resources and services available at the Tulsa City-County Library for free of charge to anyone who has a library card. So, if you do not already have a library card, you can register for one in person at any of our 24 locations, or for immediate access to services, register online at www.TulsaLibrary.org/application and start enhancing your quality of life today.



For any other questions, call 918-549-7323 and our customer care experts will be happy to assist you.

Kimberly Johnson is originally from the Bronx borough of New York. She earned her B.A. from the University of Tulsa and a master's degree in Library and Information Studies from the University of Oklahoma. Johnson joined the Tulsa City-County Library in 1998 as coordinator of the African-American Resource Center at Rudisill Regional Library. She managed the South Broken Arrow Library and the Hardesty Regional Library before becoming regional director with responsibility of 11 libraries in 2012. In March 2013, Johnson was promoted to deputy director. In 2014, she assumed the role of chief operating officer. She was promoted to chief executive officer in January 2017.

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