

“ONE BOOK, ONE TULSA” AND SNEAK PEEK AT CENTRAL LIBRARY

In conjunction with the Mental Health Association Oklahoma's 2016 National Zarrow Mental Health Symposium, Tulsa City-County Library is offering a communitywide reading initiative focusing on the nonfiction book *The Soloist: A Lost Dream, an Unlikely Friendship and the Redemptive Power of Music* by Steve Lopez and the themes of mental illness and homelessness.

In this poignant, beautifully told story, Lopez recounts his real-life encounter and friendship with Nathaniel Ayers, who 30 years earlier had been a promising classical bass student at Juilliard – ambitious, charming and also one of the few African-Americans – until he gradually lost his ability to function, overcome by schizophrenia. When Lopez meets him, Ayers is homeless, paranoid and deeply troubled, but glimmers of that brilliance are still there. Copies of “*The Soloist*” are available for checkout through the Tulsa City-County Library.

After reading the book, expand your “One Book, One Tulsa” experience by meeting the author and seeing the movie adaptation of the book – all while getting a sneak peek at the renewed Central Library before it officially opens to the public.

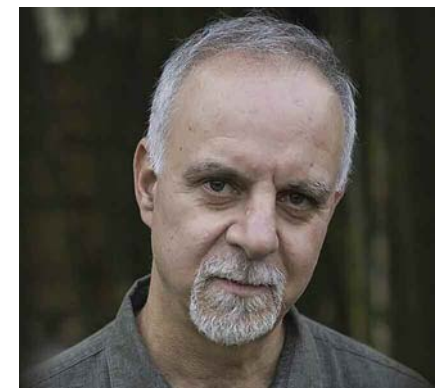
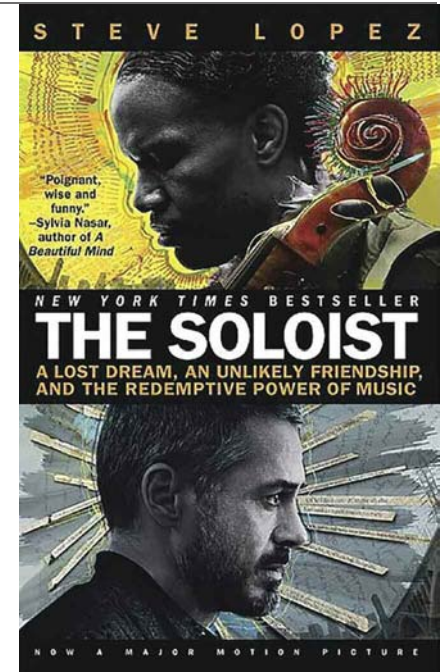
Lopez will discuss *The Soloist*, answer questions from the audience and sign books at a free presentation on Wednesday, Sept. 28 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Central Library, Fifth Street and Denver Avenue, on the first floor. Copies of the book will be available for purchasing, courtesy of Barnes & Noble.

On Thursday, Sept. 29, Central Library will host a free outdoor showing of the movie adaptation of the book from 7 to 9 p.m. in the new A.R. and MaryLouise Tandy Foundation Children’s Garden. The movie is rated PG-13. Bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on.

After attending these events, make plans to join Tulsa City-County Library for the official grand opening of the Central Library on Saturday, Oct. 1 at 11 a.m. The spectacular grand opening will feature fun for the entire family.

“One Book, One Tulsa” is sponsored by the Tulsa Library Trust, Mental Health Association Oklahoma and Community Solutions, with assistance from the Mary K. Chapman Foundation and George Kaiser Family Foundation.

For more information about “One Book, One Tulsa” and related programming, call 918.549.7323.



MITA'S FOUNDATION PLANS SEPTEMBER EVENT

Living Arts of Tulsa, 307 E. Brady, will be the location for the MITA's Foundation 6th Annual Charity Event on Saturday, Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m. Patrons will enjoy food, music and a large silent auction.

“Traditional Spanish Tapas will be featured,” said Tina Pena, foundation president, “and a silent auction and music will keep everyone entertained. Dress is business casual, but be sure to bring your dancing shoes!”

Patrons can purchase individual tickets for \$25, or sponsorships are available for \$250 to \$1,000. For tickets or for more information, visit www.mitasfoundation.org.

The MITA's Foundation is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide charitable relief and improve the quality of life for the impoverished and underprivileged children of Peru and their families.



THERAPYWORKS INVITES FAMILIES TO TALENT SHOW

Set for Sept. 10 at 10 a.m. at Faith United Methodist Church, the annual TherapyWorks talent show will be featuring a space theme, Out of This World. Activities include games, tattoos, photo booths and more inside the church auditorium. Outside, there will be a Jupiter Jump with a climbing wall and a slide. TherapyWorks clients will perform at the talent show, which will be followed by a pizza lunch.

Also included in this year's event is a raffle drawing for gift baskets that will raise funds for TherapyWorks “Working Wonders Angel Tree.” One-hundred percent of the raffle funds go to the Angel Tree, which helps provide Christmas gifts for needy families that attend therapy at TherapyWorks.

For more information about the event, go to “events” on TherapyWorks Facebook Page, facebook.com/TherapyWorks. TherapyWorks is located at 7608 E. 91st St., Tulsa and Faith United Methodist Church is across the street.



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BY STACY MOREHEAD, CENTRAL LIBRARY ASSISTANT MANAGER-CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

6 reasons to visit Central Library

The Central Library Children's Team can't wait for you to come and see all of the things that Central Library has to offer for children and teens. Families can expect to find many new and exciting elements waiting for them when the library reopens on Oct. 1. An opening ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. with featured speakers and a ribbon cutting at 11 a.m.

Here are six highlights for your family to look forward to on your first visit back to Central Library:

For Young Children

Play & Learn: Perfect for early learners who discover new ideas and skills through movement and hands-on activity. The Herman & Kate Kaiser Children's Area of Central Library will feature early literacy interactive centers custom designed for Tulsa City-County Library by the Burgeon Group of Portland, Oregon. There is so much to explore in this play and learn area. Children can delight in powering an alphabet whirligig, dream up imaginary edible creations in a garden café, become mini engineers as they design ball runs on a magnet wall, and so much more. Built in to this area are three beautiful tower-like structures where children can play while learning mapping skills, alphabet awareness, color recognition, animal sounds and even rare words. As children play, parents can look through and point out all of the Tulsa ties



STACY MOREHEAD STANDS IN THE NEW CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT AT CENTRAL LIBRARY WHERE SHE AND OTHER LIBRARY STAFF HAVE WORKED TO STOCK THE BOOK STACKS FOR THE GRAND OPENING OCT 1.



FAMILIES WILL ENJOY EXPLORING AND LEARNING IN THE COLORFUL NEW BABY NOOK.

that are incorporated in the design. Children can learn about units of measurement while discovering just how tall our Golden Driller is! Families will have access to enjoy this area any time Central Library is open.

Children's Garden: Measuring just larger than one-and-a-half basketball courts in size, Central Library's A.R. and MaryLouise Tandy Children's Garden will offer programming for all ages. Being noisy, messy and active is encouraged in this outdoor space, and a team of library staff has programs specially designed for these purposes. Babies and toddlers will have storytimes that encourage movement with bubbles and tricycles. Families will be able to enjoy garden games on nice weather days. A gigantic movie screen on the east wall of the garden will allow for this space to host movie events. Keep an eye on our library event guides and social media for information about upcoming events.

Storytime: Storytime is a treasured service that the library provides and Central Library will offer storytimes in style. The redesigned building includes a room specially geared toward presenting storytimes where children can choose their own seat each week from the children's cushion cubbies. The Mary K. Chapman Meeting Room sits adjacent to the Children's Area and features a window overlooking the Children's Garden.

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For Older Children and Teens

Maker Space: Designed to inspire critical thinking and creativity, the Renee Neuwald Maker Space at Central Library is a place to build a robot, learn knitting and sewing, write a poem, use Legos to learn building and design functions, edit and produce music in an audio lab and so much more.

Digital Literacy Lab: This lab, hosted by the American Electric Power Foundation, houses state-of-the-art technologies and functions as a place where people of all ages can participate in STEM-based project and problem-solving learning. Computer programming, learning to code, robotics and game design are a few areas of focus.

For Parents

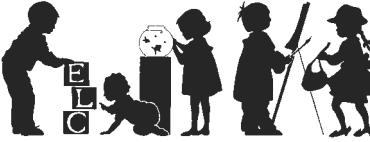
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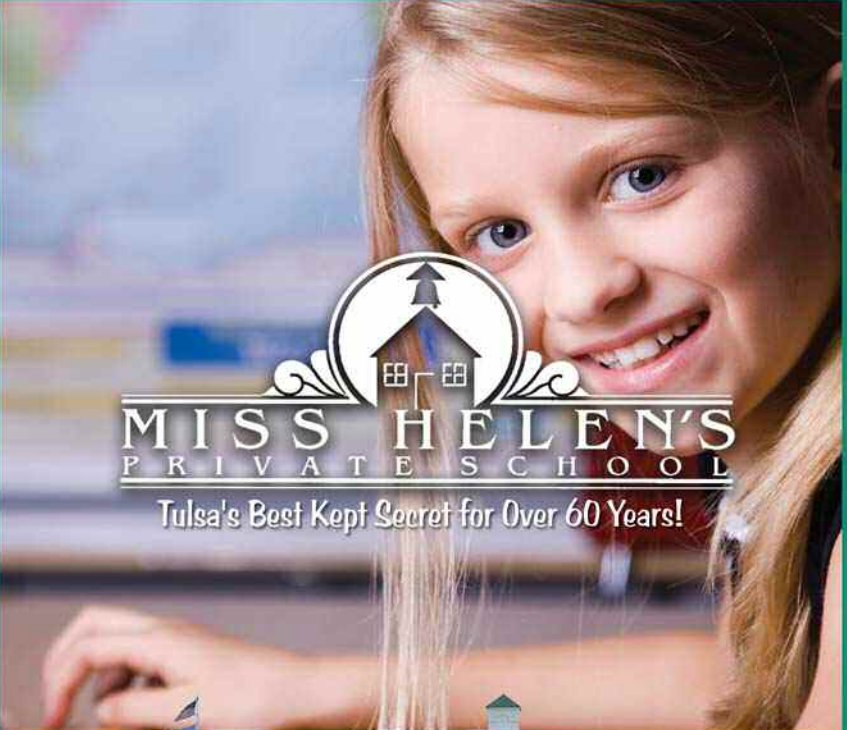
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