

Jeanne B. Goodwin Storytelling Festival Features Local Artists



Local artists Dorothy Dillard and Deborah Hunter are the featured storytellers for the 2016 Jeanne B. Goodwin Storytelling Festival. Families are invited to this celebration of words on July 6, 10:00 a.m., at Rudisill Regional Library, 1520 N. Hartford. Refreshments are provided by the Friends of the Rudisill Regional Library.

Dillard brings Harriet Tubman to life as she recounts the struggles on the Underground Railroad. Hunter, a local poet and spoken-word artist, will delight all ages with her rendition of the book Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters. The annual festival is a tribute to the late Jeanne B. Goodwin, a lifelong Oklahoma educator and literacy champion, who understood how storytelling and the visual experience work to build a vivid imagination.

Celebrating Jeanne B. Goodwin's 100th birthday in 2003, Rudisill Regional Library's storytime room was dedicated in her honor. Multi-colored fish, shaped with individual pieces of tile, greet children entering the ocean-themed storytime room. Each wall of the room features colorfully painted starfish, clown fish, sharks, lobsters, turtles and other wonders of the underwater world. Children

often create their own stories using the sea creatures painted on the storytime walls. While at the library, families are encouraged to sign up for the 2016 children's summer reading program "On Your Mark, Get Set... Read!" which continues through Aug. 6. Children reading eight books and visiting the library four times will receive a medal of achievement, and coupons for free food and entertainment around Tulsa County.

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

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