

BATTLE OF THE BANDS RETURNS

Young musicians will take over the Cain's Ballroom stage on Friday, May 27 at 7 p.m. as they battle it out for prizes in two categories: bands and singer-songwriters.

The all-ages concert is \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door, with proceeds benefitting the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma. High school students who are interested in volunteering with the event may contact Adam Baker at abaker@okfoodbank.org or 918.936.4545. For tickets, visit okfoodbank.org.



FREE PARENT TRAINING WORKSHOP

TherapyWorks of Tulsa is offering a free parent training workshop "Managing Your Child's Behavior." Participants will learn possible reasons behind their children's behavior, ways to define and identify typical versus non-typical behavior, and behavioral strategies and techniques.

The workshop is Thurs., May 5 at 7 p.m. at TherapyWorks, located at 7608 E. 91st St. in Tulsa. The presentation is free, but you must make reservations by contacting info@therapyworks-tulsa.com or 918.633.2203 ext. 289.

GORDON KORMAN TO RECEIVE 2016 ZARROW AWARD FOR YOUNG READERS

New York Times best-selling author Gordon Korman is the winner of the Tulsa Library Trust's 2016 Anne V. Zarrow Award for Young Readers' Literature. He will accept the award at a public presentation at Hardesty Regional Library's Connor's Cove, 8316 E. 93rd St., Friday, May 6, at 7 p.m. He also will present awards to winners of the 2016 Young People's Creative Writing Contest awards at the ceremony.

Korman is being recognized for writing more than 80 books for children and teens during a publishing career that started when he was 12-years-old. In a career spanning nearly four decades, his books have been translated into more than 20 languages and have sold more than 25-million copies. In 1981 he was awarded the Most Promising Writer Under 35 by the Canadian Authors' Association. His latest book, *Masterminds*, was released in 2015 and is the first in a new trilogy he is writing.

For his seventh-grade creative writing project, Korman spent one class period a day for four months writing what would become his first published novel, *This Can't Be Happening at Macdonald Hall*.

As the class monitor for Scholastic Book Orders, he had a contact name and address for one of the largest publishers in the industry, Scholastic. He sent his manuscript off and by his freshman year was a published Scholastic author.

"It was a totally fluke and random way to launch a publishing career, but here's the thing: It Worked," recalled Korman on his website.

He is the New York Times bestselling author of three books in *The 39 Clues* series as well as five books in his *Swindle* series. He also has written the trilogies *Island*, *Everest*, *Kidnapped*, and *Titanic* as well as the series *On The Run*.

In 2013, Nickelodeon produced an original movie based on Korman's book *Swindle*, the first book in the series. After accidentally selling a valuable multi-million dollar baseball card, a high school student enlists the help of his trusted friends to retrieve the baseball card from an unscrupulous collectible dealer.

The Anne V. Zarrow Award for Young Readers' Literature gives formal recognition, on behalf of the Tulsa County community, to a nationally acclaimed author who has made a significant contribution to the field of literature for young adults. The award, presented by the Tulsa Library Trust, consists of a \$7,500 cash prize and an engraved crystal book.

Past winners include: Sharon Draper (2015), Jack Gantos (2014), Jim Murphy (2013), Jacqueline Woodson (2012), Kathryn Lasky (2011), Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (2010), Christopher Paul Curtis (2009), Louis Sachar (2008), Kate DiCamillo (2007), Sharon Creech (2006), Avi (2005), Susan Cooper (2004), Russell Freedman (2003), Richard Peck (2002), E.L. Konigsburg (2001), Jerry Spinelli (2000), Jane Yolen (1999), Cynthia Voigt (1998), Gary Paulsen (1997), Walter Dean Myers (1996), Lois Lowry (1994), Katherine Paterson (1993), Madeleine L'Engle (1992) and S.E. Hinton (1991).

For more information on the Anne V. Zarrow Award for Young Readers' Literature, call the AskUs Hotline, 918-549-7323, or visit the library's website, www.tulsalibrary.org.



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TULSA CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY ASIAN-AMERICAN FESTIVAL JUNE 4

Celebrate and learn about the customs and traditions of Asian-Americans with entertaining, educational events for the entire family as Tulsa City-County Library presents its 14th annual Asian-American Festival from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 4 at the Martin Regional Library, 2601 S. Garnett Road.

Explore the colorful cultures of China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Vietnam and other countries in Asia. The festival is sponsored and funded by the Tulsa Library Trust. Admission to the festival is free.

The festival features martial arts demonstrations; traditional dance, drumming and music presentations; authentic arts and crafts booths; interactive educational booths featuring hands-on crafts and activities for kids; an exhibition of children's artwork from Kyoto, Japan; plus a food concession with traditional Asian cuisine.

Among the scheduled featured performances are Japanese drumming by Owasso Public School's Ohitsuji Taiko at 11 a.m., Lilik and Company World Fusion Dance Ensemble at 11:45 a.m., Josh Massad's PanchMahaBhuta Orchestra at 12:30 p.m., a Kendo demonstration by Shin Sou Fu Kan Tulsa Kendo Club at 1:15 p.m. and a traditional fan dance by the Korean Angels of Tulsa at 1:45 p.m.

Visit www.TulsaLibrary.org/asianfestival for a complete schedule of presentations, or call 918-549-7590 for more information about the Asian-American Festival.



THE KOREAN ANGELS OF TULSA WILL PERFORM A TRADITIONAL FAN DANCE AT THE ASIAN-AMERICAN FESTIVAL.

BLUE DOME ARTS FESTIVAL OPENS FAMILY FUN ZONE

For the 13th year, the Blue Dome Arts Festival will rock the Blue Dome District May 20-22 with original artwork, jewelry, clothing, home décor, music and activities for everyone, including the family pet.

The former Kids Zone has expanded to become the Family Fun Zone where parents will find both individual and collaborative art projects for the entire family provided by Philbrook Museum of Art. The area will also have bounce houses and obstacle courses as well as make-and-take art projects for young children.

New this year, visitors with furry friends can take them to the PetZone, featuring a backyard space with sod, shade and water. Pet lovers can learn about Tulsa's pet businesses and pet adoptions. Some of the canine amenities include: nail grinding, Q&A sessions with Dr. Chet Thomas of City Veterinary Hospital, mini-training sessions, pet photography and complimentary treat times.

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CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

The winner of the Puppy Love Photo Contest was misidentified in the April issue. Pictured in the photo is Christopher Bryant Mitchell with his puppy.

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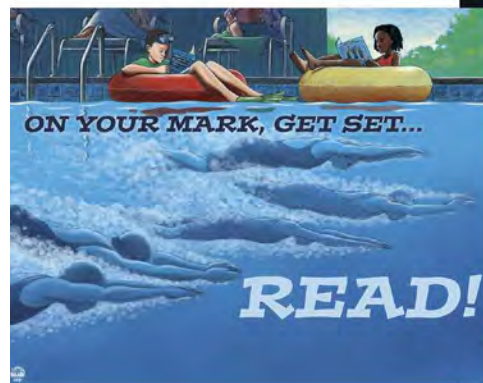
join the summer reading program

Tulsa City-County Library's 2016 summer reading programs for children and teens encourage young readers to keep the pages turning during the summer.

The free annual program is ongoing May 31-Aug. 6. To sign up, children and teens, ages newborn to 17, can register at any Tulsa City-County Library or on-line at www.TulsaLibrary.org/summer – no library card required! Those looking to avoid the rush of readers can preregister at their community library or online beginning May 1.

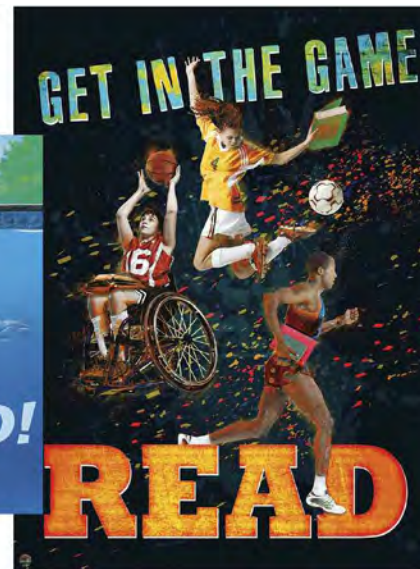
The summer reading program is a fun way to keep students reading throughout the summer to help retain and improve their reading skills. The program goes beyond the books by offering hundreds of free events that will expand the imagination. Performers and presenters from Tulsa, Oklahoma and across the U.S. participate to help bring books to life. Children, as well as adults, will enjoy performances from Sugar Free Allstars, Big Bang Boom Band, The Que Pastas, Jack and Kitty Norton, Monty Harper, Lucky Diaz, Tommy Terrific and many more entertaining and educational performers.

The theme for the children's program is "On Your Mark, Get Set...Read" and the tween/teen



program theme is "Get in the Game – Read."

By visiting the library four times and reading or having eight books read to them, children will complete the program and earn a medal of achievement in addition to a booklet of coupons for free entertainment and food items. Medal winners who have completed kindergarten or are in first through fifth grade also are entered into the grand prize drawing featuring Tulsa State Fair Mega Ride Passes, bicycles and helmets, fishing trips and other great prizes. Medal winners who are not yet school-aged will be entered into their own grand-prize drawing for gift certificates to local stores. By reading 20 books, children can earn a bonus



prize – an inflatable baseball bat. Free coupons include:

- Admission to Oklahoma Aquarium
- Admission to Tulsa Zoo
- Admission to Tulsa Air and Space Museum
- Admission to Tulsa Drillers game
- Admission to Tulsa State Fair
- Admission to Tulsa Children's Museum
- Admission to Tulsa Roughnecks FC game
- Cinnamon sticks from Mazzio's Italian Eatery
- Round-trip bus ride on Tulsa Transit
- 4-piece Chicken McNuggets from McDonald's
- Frozen custard scoop from Freckles Frozen Custard

- Chicken nuggets from Wendy's
- Original glazed doughnut from Krispy Kreme
- Decorated cookie from Merritt's Bakery
- Garlic Knots from Papa John's

Tweens and teens, having completed fifth grade, can reach their goal by reading six books throughout the summer. By completing the program, they will earn a coupon booklet for free entertainment and food items, as well as an ID wallet with earbuds. A grand prize drawing for teens and tweens includes \$100 gift cards to area merchants, laptops, Android tablets and other cool prizes.

Writing workshops, jewelry crafting and STEM programs are planned to keep the tweens and teens learning while they are having fun. Throughout the summer, professionals will help them explore concepts in illustration, writing and science.

Parents can demonstrate that reading is not work by joining the adult summer reading program to model how reading can be fun and relaxing. To complete the program, adults can read or listen to four books to earn coupons from Kripsy Kreme Doughnuts, Mazzio's, Merritt's Bakery, Panera and Wendy's, plus earn a cool messenger bag.

Thank you to the 2016 summer reading program presenting

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