

## TAKE A STAND AGAINST RACISM

YWCA Tulsa is inviting everyone to take an active Stand Against Racism between Thurs., April 28 and Sun., May 1 by hosting or participating in a Stand Against Racism event to deliver a clear message: we are on a mission to eliminate racism.

“We are thrilled to welcome the Stand Against Racism to Tulsa once again,” said Director of Mission Impact, Mana Tahaie. “Our event-in-a-box format encourages people from all walks of life to creatively raise awareness around the harmful effects of institutional and structural racism in our day-to-day spaces.”

Any group, business or individual can register as a participating community site and learn how to create an event at [www.standagainstracism.org](http://www.standagainstracism.org).



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## 2016 INTERFAITH HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION FEATURES HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR TOMI REICHENTAL

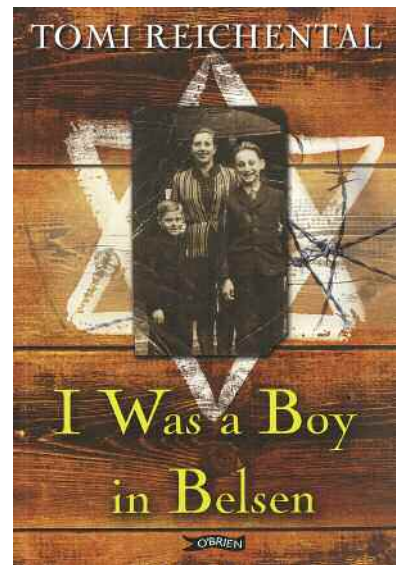
by Jackie Hill

In 1944, 9-year-old Tomi Reichental was deported from his native Slovakia to the notorious Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. After the war, he eventually settled in Ireland, where he married, had a family and never spoke of his ordeal. Since breaking his silence, Reichental has come close to evil in the form of one of his former SS guards, and forged an unusual friendship with the granddaughter of a man who played a role in the murder of 35 members of his family.

Reichental will share his story as he addresses the topic “Close to Evil” as the featured speaker for the Tulsa Council for Holocaust Education’s 19th Annual Yom HaShoah/Interfaith Holocaust Commemoration on Thursday, May 5 at 7 p.m. at Temple Israel, 2004 E. 22nd Place. The public is invited to the free presentation, which is recommended for ages 12 and older. Parking is limited at Temple Israel, but overflow parking will be available at Utica Square.

After the commemoration, Reichental will sign copies of his memoir *I Was a Boy in Belsen*, which addresses Reichental’s life before, during and after the Holocaust. Copies of the book will be available to purchase at the commemoration or may be purchased in advance at the Jewish Federation of Tulsa, 2021 E. 71st St.

The Holocaust Commemoration is sponsored by the Tulsa Council for Holocaust Education (a committee of the Jewish Federation of Tulsa) and the Tulsa City-County Library, in cooperation with dozens of local interfaith and community organizations.



As in past years, the commemoration program includes an exhibit of artwork created by Tulsa area students of the Holocaust. In addition, there will be a candle lighting in memory of those who were murdered in the Holocaust. Plus, the Tulsa City-County Library will have available for checkout many Holocaust books and media.

To complement the commemoration, the Circle Cinema, 10 S. Lewis, will show *'Til the Tenth Generation*, a feature-length documentary about Reichental’s life, on Sunday, April 17 at 2 p.m. Visit [www.circlecinema.com](http://www.circlecinema.com) or call 918.585.3504 for ticket information.

Contact the Jewish Federation of Tulsa at 918.495.1100 for more information about the commemoration.

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BY JOHN FANCHER, COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR, TULSA CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY

# Tulsa City-County Library grows next generation of gardeners

**T**oday's multi-tasking world is filled with double-booked daily activities, keeping pace with emerging technologies and constant smart phone alerts from rampant social media updates. It's important to step back, take a deep breath, and enjoy activities to refresh the inner calm.

Spring is the perfect time for families to observe the cycles of different plants and the beauty they share. Plant a seed; watch it grow. The idea seems simple enough. But wilted dreams of the best-planned gardens are far too common in Oklahoma's extreme temperatures.

To help grow more green thumbs and encourage healthier lifestyles, Tulsa City-County Library began the Seed Library in 2014. Customers can check out up to five packets of vegetable, herb or flower seeds per season that are best adapted for our area. If the plants are successful, growers are encouraged to let the best plants go to seed. Then they can collect, dry, label and return the seeds to the library so the cycle will continue the following year.

Seed Library locations include four Tulsa City-County Libraries as well as the Bookmobile:

Glenpool Library, 730 E. 141st St.

Nathan Hale Library, 6038 E.



TULSA CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY PROGRAMS ARE A GREAT WAY TO INTRODUCE CHILDREN TO THE BEAUTY AND FUN OF HOME GARDENING.

23rd St.

Suburban Acres Library,  
4606 N. Garrison

Zarrow Regional Library,  
2224 W. 51st

Librarians have prepared helpful information on the process of growing and storing seeds, [guides.tulsalibrary.org/tulsaSeedLibrary](http://guides.tulsalibrary.org/tulsaSeedLibrary). This webpage features a comprehensive listing of all seeds ready for check out, along with planting instructions, seed-saving basics and care. You can even check out a packet on-

line and have it delivered to your community library.

The Seed Library is divided into three levels of saving difficulty.

**Easy:** Beans, peas, lettuce, eggplant, and tomato. These seeds generally self-pollinate and are easiest to harvest.

**Medium:** Arugula, basil, cilantro, chives, nasturtium and peppers. These may self-pollinate or cross-pollinate and should be separated from other varieties by distance.

**Advanced:** Broccoli, cabbage, corn, carrot, kale, okra, squash and Swiss chard. These plants are insect or wind-pollinated and cross with other varieties. To get true seeds, separate varieties by time, distance or physical barriers.

With names like Cherokee Purple Tomatoes, Rattlesnake Green Beans and Cosmic Purple Carrots, all ages will enjoy watching these edible wonders reach for the sun. It's also a fun activity for families to observe the daily changes in their garden, especially as vegetables ripen and become the next healthy snack.

The beauty of growing flowers as a home for butterflies is another great benefit of the Seed Library. By planting *Asclepias tuberosa*, or the Butterfly Milkweed, flowerbeds will be a welcoming zone for butterflies like the Monarch, whose numbers are declining from lack of habitat.

Library programs are regularly scheduled to keep families up-to-date on the latest tips and tricks to successfully grow home gardens. Mark your calendars for these upcoming programs.

"Cherry Street Farmers' Market," April 2, 7-11 a.m., 15th and Peoria. Stop by Tulsa City-County Library's booth to check out seeds, get tips on growing and find additional library resources to improve your garden.

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"Preschool Gardening 101," April 23, 2-3 p.m., South Broken Arrow Library, 3600 S. Chestnut. Bring your little gardeners to the library for a colorful bouquet of activities. Explore the basics of plant care using nature-themed songs, stories and crafts. Young learners will have the opportunity to continue cultivating their gardening skills by taking home a potted seed and watching it grow.

"Plant Swap!" April 30, 1-4 p.m., Kendall-Whittier Library, 21 S. Lewis. Too much lavender? Not enough basil? Bring any plants, starts, seedlings, cuttings, bulbs, tools or garden materials you have to share. You also can check out and donate seeds with the Seed Library. This event is hosted by the TCCL Seed Library and Tulsa Seed Commons.

So, this spring, visit a Seed Library and discover an activity your family will truly dig. And they will certainly eat up the results.

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