EDUCATION

7th Grade Center names 2016 Teacher of the Year

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The Owasso Seventh Grade Center recently named special education teacher Cherie Scudamore

in education for 25 years, 13 of those have been at Owasso Public Schools. In addition to the Seventh Grade Center, she's also taught at Hodson Elementary. A graduate of University of Central Oklahoma. she calls Oklahoma City and Yukon her hometowns. She's called Owasso home for 13 years.

The teacher appreciates the closeness she feels to her students after serving them for multiple years.

"Every student in my class is included in all activities. Everyone they meet in the halls throughout the day greets them and makes them feel good about themselves. I couldn't ask for a better place to work," Scudamore said.

The Owasson has three children with her husband. John, who is a purchasing manager for Mahle Corporation in Nowata.

Their daughter, Nicole Zlomke, 26, is preparing its 2016 Teacher of the Year. to leave to Thailand with Scudamore has been her husband, Nathan, for a mission trip. Their son, John Ryan, 24, is a fireman/paramedic at Coweta Fire Department, EMSA and Creek County Fire Department. Their son, Christopher, 23, is an assistant manager at QuikTrip in Tulsa.

> Their first grandchild, Judah Allen, 8 months, has brought immense joy to the new grandparents. The couple have a small place at Lake Hudson and enjoy spending time there when they can.

> "I love going to the lake. We enjoy boating, swimming, water skiing and hiking," she said. "I also enjoy traveling and exploring new places, playing golf with my family and watching a good movie."



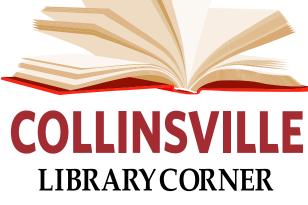
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Library sponsors adult creative writing contest

your work for the 39th tions. Categories include Annual Adult Creative poetry, children's fiction, Writing Contest is Sunday, Jan. 31. The Friends story. The contest is open of the Tulsa City-County Library sponsors this or older who: yearly contest to encourage and recognize tends school in Tulsa creative writing among adults. In addition to bragging rights, winners sa City-County Library receive cash prizes. One card, and hundred dollars and a

The deadline to submit ceiving honorable meninformal essay and short to any person 18 years old

- resides, works or at-County, or
- has a nonresident Tul-
- is not a member of the certificate are awarded to creative writing contest the best work within each committee, a judge of the category. Second-place contest or a first-place winners will receive a winner from the previous cash prize of \$50 and a year. (Winners may not certificate. Certificates re-enter the same categoare awarded to those re- ry the following year.)



Only unpublished man-separate entry form and a For adults. aged to compete.

uscripts are accepted. \$6 entry fee for each cate-Unpublished and pub- gory entered. Entry forms Wednesday, Jan. 20. lished writers are encourare available at all Tulsa 3-4 p.m. For ages 5-12. City-County Library loca-

web site TulsaLibrary. 3-4 p.m. By folding paper org/friends.

Programs at the Collinsville Library

•Stories from the Rocking Chair is back. Join Miss. Barbara for stories, songs and a craft on Tuesday, Jan. 26, 10:30-11 a.m. For ages 2-4 and their caregivers.

•All Thumbs Knitters: Wednesday, Jan. 20 & 27. 12:30-2:30 p.m.

•PAWS for Reading:

•Learn the Art of Ori-Writers must submit a tions and at the Library's gami: Monday, Jan. 25.

we can make easy and fun designs. For ages 10-18.

New at the Library

Tempted, by P.C. Cast Zoey Redbird, High Priestess-in-training, finds herself juggling three guys - one of which is so into protecting her that he can sense her emotions. Meanwhile the dark force lurking in the tunnels under the Tulsa Depot is spreading, and only Zoev has the power to stop the evil immortal Kalona who is behind it. Will Zoey have the courage to chance losing her life, her heart, and her soul?